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YOUNG SQUAD BIDS FOR OCEANIA CUP

The Australian B team enters a training camp in Sydney on Saturday to prepare for its Oceania Cup challenge in Noumea from February 22 to March 3.

The squad flies out of Sydney next Wednesday. National coach Rudi Gutendorf named 15 of the 17-man squad on Monday morning, leaving two places to be filled.

The 15 include five players eligible to compete in the World Youth Championships next year — Steve Blair (Vic.), Paul Kay, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter (NSW) and Paul Tomblides (WA).

Of the others, seven were in Gutendorf's 1978-79 youth squad — Steve Hogg (Qld), Greg Woodhouse, Eddie Krncevic (NSW), George Christopoulos, Alan Davidson, Theo Selemidis (Vic) and Danny Moulis (ACT).

Arno Bertogna of Newcastle KB United, the find of Australia's tour of China and Taiwan, and Vic Bozanic of West Adelaide, also are included.

Details of the final game at Olympic Park on Saturday: AUSTRALIA B (Colts) 1 (Milovanovic 35th) VICTORIAN YOUTH TEAM 0.

AUSTRALIA B: Banovic 9 — Moulis 7, Crino 7, Blair 8, Milovanovic 8 — Kay 9 (injured, sub. J. Little 65th.), Raskopoulos 9, Selemidis 8 — Hunter 7.5, Brusasco 6 (A. Reis 6, half time), Tredinnick 9.

VICTORIAN YOUTH TEAM: Fraser 8 (Incantalupo 7 half time), Angele 8, Talevski 6 (Traficante 9 — Vukovic 6 (Christoudias 6, half time), Belic 8, McLeod 6 (Beamish 6 half time).

No. 2 goalkeeper will be Michael Frazer of St George of Yakkas Banovic of Heidelberg. Banovic was tried out in the curtain-raiser to the Australia v. Czechoslovakia game in Melbourne on Sunday, and he impressed Gutendorf.

Victorians Oscar Crino and Vlatko Belic, both eligible for the 1981 youth titles, were named by Gutendorf as stand-by players. He also was considering Craig Hall of

Canterbury and Brett Cowburn and Joe Senkalski of Newcastle KB Utd.

And he was trying to persuade the employers of Sutherland forward Paul Bush to release him for the tour. Bush, Brett Woods (Auburn) and Dave Skeen (St George), all eligible for the 1981 youth titles, have just started apprenticeships.

Gutendorf said he was extremely grateful to the men who had done the groundwork in preparing

the players now emerging as stars of the future — men like Bobby McLachlan of Victoria and Joe Vlastis of NSW.

He also praised Tony Boggi for his valuable work in training the national team players of Victoria.

Gutendorf said the national A team and the players eligible for the 1981 youth championships would spend a week in training camp once a month.

Australia is drawn with the New Hebrides, Solomon Islands and New Caledonia in one of the groups of the Oceania Cup.

The other group comprises New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Tahiti, so it looks like an Australia v. New Zealand final.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



• Australian youth players training for the curtain-raiser to the Socceroos v. Czechoslovakia match at Olympic Park last Saturday. Standing from left: Brian Emery (national youth development officer), Oscar Crino, Mike Fraser, Steve Blair, George Christopoulos, Alan Davidson, Mark Brusasco, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter, Alan Reis. Front: Bill Curran (Victorian youth coach), Steve Hogg, Paul Kay, Peter Tredinnick.

ROOS AS FULL PROS?

The Socceroos may become full professionals for six months from December 1 this year.

And the 1981 Philips League may start in February instead of March.

These are proposals aimed at strengthening Australia's position in the Oceania World Cup qualifying series next year.

Australia meets New Zealand in Auckland on April 26, 1981, in the first match of the qualifying series.

Fiji, Indonesia and Taiwan, which will play under the name of China-Taipei, are the other nations in the Oceania group.

Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George said it was necessary for the Philips League to have completed seven or eight rounds before the Socceroos head off to New Zealand.

This would ensure that the players are fully match fit.

"If I can raise the money I hope to have our team as full professionals for six months, starting December 1," Sir Arthur said.

Meanwhile, the Socceroos will prepare for the World Cup with an overseas tour in October this year, and with games against visiting Indonesia in March and China in April-May.

Sir Arthur hopes to secure matches against the England, Scotland and West German B teams and the full national teams of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland on the Socceroos' World tour.

The ASF also has received invitations to play against Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Greece.

"There's no point playing rubbish teams," Sir Arthur said. "In all, we are looking at nine matches."

"The youth team also will be away at the same time."

"The players will be given a month off after touring and then they will enter camp."

With an international tournament to be staged between Australia, Wales, Northern Ireland and perhaps Yugoslavia, mid-season, and a match between Australia and the English FA team on June 1, the Socceroos will get unprecedented preparation for their World Cup mission.

Having to play their first match in Auckland, means that the Socceroos' mis-

sion will start the same way it did in 1973.

The result then was a 1-1 draw, but Australia went on to qualify for the finals in West Germany.

The 1981 Oceania draw is not yet complete. Dates and venues are yet to be set for Taiwan's away matches. In 1977 the Taiwanese were unable to get entry visas to certain countries, including Australia.

If Australia wins the Oceania section, it will advance to a further qualifying series against the winners of three Asian groups. The top two after

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Czech players protest against the penalty decision that gave Australia a 1-0 lead early in their international match in Melbourne on Saturday. From left: Kozak, Masny, referee Harwood, Gogh.

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It's time we learned a few manners

I wonder how many Australian players appreciate the significance of national anthems played before each match against a visiting team.

Many of them continue to show complete lack of respect at these times.

I have seen Australian players doing limbering up exercises, making faces and chatting to each other while the national anthem of a visiting team is being played.

This type of rudeness should not be tolerated.

The Czechs, the Uruguayans, the Israelis, the Iranians stood proudly to attention as their national anthems were being played before matches of their Australian tours.

They did so in respect for their country and they extended their tribute by doing likewise when the Australian anthem was played.

Australian players owe it to their visitors to extend common courtesy.

Surely they can be patient for the 30 seconds or a minute that it takes to play then an anthem.

I have travelled the world but nowhere else have I seen the type of disrespect of which our players have been guilty.

While I'm on the subject allow me to express my disappointment over another example of lack of respect. The Czechoslovakians are champions of Europe, Nehoda is rated one of the best 10 players in the world, Masny and Ondrus are super stars by any standards, yet these people are asked to stay at a

motel where they have to stand in line for their tea and coffee, like in some army canteen.

The elite of world sport deserves only the very best accommodation.

According to national coach Rudi Gutendorf, Australian coaches, except those for kids up to 14, are 30 years behind the times.

He said so in an interview with a feature writer for the "Sydney Morning Herald" some weeks ago.

If we had junior coaches as good as their counterparts in Europe, Australian soccer would today be among the elite and we would never have any problems qualifying as represent Asia in the World Cup.

I wonder if Rudi Gutendorf is aware of just how much meticulous work is being done in junior coaching overseas.

It is much more complicated working with juniors than it is with senior players, for you have to deal with the problems of puberty, and mental and physical growth and development.

Personally, I have not seen much evidence of exceptional junior coaching in Australia.

Now for Gutendorf's other claim — that senior coaches here are 30 years behind the times.

Gutendorf has been in this country for 16 months, so why hasn't he organised a seminar



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to tell us in what areas he is 30 years ahead?

Had he done so, I would be thanking him for his assistance.

But surely it's not fair to his fellow coaches to make this type of public statement. I wonder how his assistants feel about it.

Czechoslovakia's coach, Dr. Josef Venglos, is recognised as one of the leading authorities in world soccer.

Did we bother to learn from him while he was here? Of course not!

Was he asked to address a meeting of coaches, or perhaps to take part in a coaching course? No.

Dr. Venglos was Australia's national coach in 1967, and he coached Prague in Sydney for three years. There may be some interesting observations he could have made about our development, had only someone bothered to ask him.

How could we allow him to leave without having gained the benefit of his great knowledge?

Socceroos end series with The die is cast: success in sight

By LAURIE SCHWAB

With the emergence of John Yzendoorn as a valuable new member of the national squad, it is time to stop experimenting and allow the best 11 to develop into a cohesive unit in the matches ahead.

The Socceroos should gain confidence against modest Indonesia and China (see page one) — confidence necessary to tackle the English FA team, Wales, Northern Ireland and perhaps Yugoslavia in June-July.

When Tony Henderson recovers from injury and Ken Boden from his holiday, the strongest Australian line-up should be:

Greg Woodhouse — John Yzendoorn, Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson, Jim Tansey — Ken Bodley, Steve Perry, Jimmy Rooney — Peter Sharpe, Eddie Krncevic, Tommy Cumming.

Although Perry has played mainly at right back so far, he comes closest to being the Ray Richards type of defensive midfielder this team needs.

There is much versatility in the line-up, with Perry able to fill two roles. Yzendoorn and Tansey both able to double as sweeper and Henderson ready to move into midfield if necessary.

The attack has great speed and a high work rate, the midfield features three well-defined styles — Rooney's constructive short game and hard work, Perry's dogged marking and destructive qualities and Boden's fine skill and scoring ability.

Most important, all these players are ruthless fighters, as they showed in the 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia on Saturday night.

Yasko Banovic joined Greg Woodhouse and Martin Crook as one of the three goalkeepers after his excellent play in trial games and in goal for the Victorian Youth team against Australia B (Colts) in the curtain-raiser on Saturday.

And there is talent galore on the bench. Players like Mark Jankovic, Gary Cole, Alan Davidson, George Christopoulos, Phil O'Connor, John Nyskohus, Arno Bertogna etc. can slot easily into the team at any time.

Versatility is evident even among the reserves. Davidson can play in midfield, at left back or even on the wing if necessary. Christopoulos, a goalscoring midfielder, is preferred by Gutendorf as a sweeper.

And so the die is cast. Now the metal must be toughened — and if Gutendorf succeeds in making it even tougher than it was on Saturday night, Australia's international prospects are bright, indeed.

Czechoslovakia's national coach Joe Venglos (who, of course, coached Australia in 1967), believes the Socceroos are closer to the 1982 World Cup finals than the Czechs are, taking into account the calibre of their respective opposition in qualifying rounds.

Venglos said he had not thought it possible that Australia could show such fight after having conceded nine goals in the first two matches of the series, Czechoslovakia had won 4-0 in Canberra and 5-0 in Sydney — results which would drain most teams of morale.

As Gutendorf said afterwards: "It is a miracle. We have been training for only three weeks. I still don't believe it."

That is the trademark of the Australian team — fighting spirit. I've never seen a team fighting like our boys did tonight.

"It is our greatest result ever, because Australia never before has played against a team as strong as Czechoslovakia. Let's remember that the Czechs are the



Eddie Krncevic — he and John Yzendoorn were Australia's best.

champions of Europe."

Actually, Australia has had two comparable results — a 2-0 victory over Uruguay at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1974 and a scoreless draw with Chile in the World Cup finals in West Berlin the same year.

Gutendorf said the decisive moment of the match was the 26th minute when he replaced David Jones with John Yzendoorn.

Jones, back in the national team after a two-year absence, had been instructed to close-mark Ladislav Vizek. Steve Perry was shadowing Czechoslovakia's brilliant Footballer of the Year, Zdenek Nehoda.

But Vizek stayed mainly out on the left side, while Nehoda operated in the middle. As a

result, the height of Jones was wasted on the wing, and little Perry was in the middle as centre back.

Gutendorf switched Perry and Jones as soon as this became evident but Jones was not marking as tightly as Gutendorf wanted him to. "He was always too far away from his man," Gutendorf complained after the game when questioned about why he had replaced Jones.

The replacement, incidentally, came just after Jones' opponent, Nehoda, had scored the goal that put Czechoslovakia into the lead.

Yzendoorn did such a good job of not only marking Nehoda, but also beating anyone else who came near him, that he has earned a permanent place in the team.

And poor Jones may be out again.

Brought back memories of 1967, when the great Frank Micic was recalled for the Asian tour, after a three-year absence.

Micic could not handle the muddy conditions against New Zealand in the opening tour match in Saigon and was replaced by Manfred Schaefer.

Schaefer remained in the team as the Socceroos' defensive iron man until 1974, while Micic was recalled only once — for the three-match series against Israel in 1971.

Australia achieved its draw with the Czechs not because it is as good a team — no-one could expect that. The Czechs are far more skilful, fluid, imaginative, experienced, but Australia worked hard to suppress these advantages with tight marking and close pressing all over the field.

How often did we see Eddie Krncevic following a defender upfield and even rising high in defence to head clear? How often did we see Tommy Cumming tackling and frustrating right back Jozef Barmos who had caused so much trouble in his offensive raids in Canberra and Sydney?

Krncevic had a memorable game. He worked endlessly at

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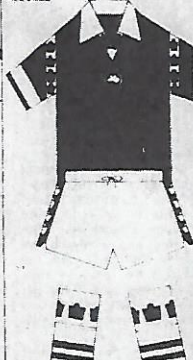
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Vic Bozanic... what a goal!

West Adelaide's powerfully built defender devastated Jozef Venglos. European champions Czechoslovakia with a stunning first half equaliser in an extraordinary match at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday night.

Bozanic's spectacular goal thrilled the 8,322 crowd which had surely been anticipating a mammoth defeat.

But Edmund Kreft's men, the subject of considerable ridicule in recent weeks, performed splendidly.

If national team coach Rudi Gutendorf had been watching, he would have been heartened by the form of John Kosmina and John Nyskohus — SA's best performers.

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The Czechs appeared to be rattled by this early scare but they quickly composed themselves and it was no surprise when they struck with deadly swiftness in the twelfth minute.

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the ball before nonchalantly driving it past an incredulous Peter Marshall.

Moments later, Adelaide City midfielder Sergio Melita, a late addition to the team, cracked a lightning ground shot which goalkeeper Keketi smothered.

The Czechs, although moving at half pace, then threatened to destroy SA with its shooting power.

Marshall saw at least six shots flash past his post and over the bar in a 20 minute shooting barrage which, incredibly SA survived.

But SA refused to be intimidated and bridged the deficit when Kosmina sent Keketi diving the wrong way from the penalty spot in the thirtieth minute.

Referee Donald Campbell penalised the Czechs for obstructing Kosmina.

Ladislav Vizek threatened to restore the Czechs' two goal lead with a blistering 25 metre drive which flashed around the near post.

But less than a minute later Bozanic hit that marvellous goal.

After almost 12 months without scoring, Bozanic swung a foot on the ball about 35 metres out on a tight angle and saw Keketi deflect the ball into the roof of the net — the ball viciously spinning into the far corner.

Kosmina came perilously close to giving SA the lead with a furious 20 metre shot but Keketi saved brilliantly.

Nehoda was brought on in the 50th minute, and only seconds later was on the spot to drive a close range shot past Marshall to give the Czechs a 3-2 lead.

Kroupa and Masny wasted a perfect opportunity in the sixty fifth minute but Nehoda, the clinical finisher, made no mistake 12 minutes later.

Masny did the damage with a penetrating right wing run and a fine cross to Nehoda, who hit the ball hard into the ground and over Marshall's

fighting draw

AUSTRALIA 2 (Prskalo penalty 9th, Krncevic 55th) CZECHOSLOVAKIA 2 (Dobias pen. 11th, Nehoda 23rd) at Olympic Park, crowd about 14,200.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 8.5 — Perry 9, Jones (Yzendoorn 9.5, 26th), Prskalo 8, Tansey 8 — Christopoulos 7 (Davidson 7, half time), Coyne 7, Rooney 8 — Sharne 8, (injured, Cole 70th), Krncevic 9.5, Cumming 8 (Nysskohus 80th).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Keketi 8 — Barmos 7, Ondrus 8, Jurkemik 7 (Vojacek 7 half time), Gogh 7 — Dobias 9 (Stambach 7, half time), Kozak 8.5, Panenka 8 (Gajdusek 7, half time) — Masny 7.5, Nehoda 8, Vizek 7 (Jarusek 62nd). Referee: Barry Harwood (WA) 7.

Face control is what we need

The Melbourne crowd swung enthusiastically behind the Australian team during its excellent second half, but boomed at half time.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf, still angry after the game, said: "There were too many ugly faces in the crowd. From now on we must have face control at the gates."

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trying to create opening or break through himself, yet as soon as the Czech defenders gained possession and moved forward, he was there snapping at their heels.

His 56th minute goal — with a brilliant header from Jimmy Rooney's free kick to the far post — was a fitting bonus for Krncevic and, of course, for Australia.

Australia's other goal, — in the 9th minute — came from a penalty that will be entered in the history books.

For a start, it probably should not have been awarded. I thought Barry Harwood made a harsh decision when he pointed to the spot after Peter Sharne had tripped over Anton Ondrus' foot.

Goalkeeper Dusan Keketi, flown to Australia as the replacement for injured Zdenek Hruska, saved Krncevic's shot but the linesman ruled Keketi had moved too early.

Keketi also saved Krncevic's second shot but again, he had moved too early, said the linesman.

Krncevic's mentor, Ivo Prskalo, took matters in his own hands. He played the ball for the next shot, took it quickly, and kicked it past the post.

But Harwood had not given Prskalo the signal to shoot, so he ordered him to do it again — and this time, Prskalo made no mistake.

After four attempts from the penalty spot, Australia had taken the lead — a lead that was to last only until Karol Dobias equalised from an early spot at the other end two minutes later.

The Australians seemed overawed in the first half and perhaps a little stiff and sore after their intensive training during the week. They played it tight, but they were being outclassed to an embarrassing degree, forced to chase shadows as the Czechs slung the ball around with grace and ease.

One passage of play featured a string of 18 unbroken passes.

Peter Sharne twice got past Koloman Gogh and twice slung over well-judged crosses but Krncevic, alone in the middle, was outmanoeuvred in the air by Ondrus and Ladislav Jurkemik.

Australia was to be much more effective in the second half, when Sharne and Krncevic operated closer together, with more support from behind.

Sharne's speed caused the Czechs problems many times. Neither Gogh, nor Cumming's opponent, Barmos, had it easy. Greg Woodhouse was in top form in Australia's goal. During that early, shaky period, Woodhouse made a brilliant save of a hard curling shot by Dobias even though he had to change direction.

He also stopped a powerful shot by midfielder Jan Kozak.

Keketi also played well in Czechoslovakia's goal. Krncevic looked set to score on an excellent through ball from George Christopoulos but Keketi saved with a reflex action by sticking out a leg.

Davidson replaced Christopoulos at half time and Australia resumed with a promising attack in which Sharne laid the ball back to Krncevic who passed to Rooney who played it to Sharne but the shot was off target.

Then, Yzendoorn and Prskalo began to attack alternately through the middle, giving us a glimpse of what Gutendorf wants from at least one of his centre backs.

Prskalo was forced to floor Nehoda and accepted the yellow card in preference to the goal Nehoda would have scored.

Coyne also was shown the card for fouling Nehoda who reacted by kicking off his shoe at Coyne.

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Ivo Prskalo drops to his knees in relief after the final whistle at Olympic Park.

Czechs played keepings-off

For the soccer purist at last Saturday night's Australia v Czechoslovakia game, the highlight came midway through the first half.

It was then that the Czechs strung together 18 passes in rapid succession in a restricted space, a display which brought rapturous applause from the spectators and made the Australian defence look helpless in a one-sided play of keepings-off.

But the breathtaking move didn't produce a goal, or even a shot at the target. In fact, the Czechs didn't gain territorially from the move.

This indicates that the Australian defence did its job by preventing the Czechs working the ball into a dangerous forward position.

Yes, the 10-man blanket defence did delay the Czechs on that occasion but this doesn't detract from the technical brilliance of the move.

It was a perfect demonstration of the Czechs' ability to keep possession, using precision passing, immaculate close control and shielding of the ball, and superb off-ball running. This, in essence, is the basis of the Czech team's game.

The ball was moved forward by right back Jozef Barmos, who played a pass down the line to forward Marian Masny. The next few seconds produced some Czech magic.

At least five players were involved in the lightning-quick exchange, which saw the ball speed accurately from man to man in uncanny fashion.

The Czechs were constantly moving in a bid to shake off their Australian 'shadows' and create space for team-mates to exploit.

The ball was played into a forward position but with space heavily restricted, there was no opening. Instead of trying the impossible and dribbling through the jungle of bodies, the Czechs played the ball either square or back.

Then the probing would start again, testing each avenue of attack. Once more, if there was no chance to put a telling ball forward or no opportunity for a Czech player to dribble his opponent, a pass would be made to a player square or supporting from behind.

The Czechs didn't risk losing possession unless there was opportunity to exploit space or strike a telling pass.

It was beautiful to watch, free-flowing, but intricate soccer played by world-class players.

The superb move gave an all too brief insight to the capabilities of the Czech national team. Perhaps Melbourne didn't see the best of the Czechs after their powerful 4-0 and 5-0 victories over Austria in the two previous internationals played in Canberra and Sydney.

The 2-2 draw with Australia in Melbourne is no disaster for Czechoslovakia. The Czechs were far the better team, having more shots at goal, perhaps 75% of the player and never looking in real danger in defence.

But the Australians' negative tactics succeeded in throwing the Czechs off their game. Czech attacks often broke down in the last third of the field.

In the first 45 minutes, the Czechs were aggressive and functional, and their short-passing, possession game pulled the Australian defence out of position many times.

Leading 2-1 at half time, Czech coach Joe Venglos was perhaps slightly charitable in making three changes at the interval. A fourth substitution in the 45th minute further affected the Czechs' rhythm and co-ordination.

It was this factor which allowed Australia to worry the Czechs' defence in the period after the interval. The Czechs soon became reorganised but Australia's Eddie Krncevic had already equalised (in the 55th minute).

The Krncevic goal must have made Venglos cringe. The Marconi forward was allowed to head at goal unchallenged at the far post. No Czech defender had picked up his run from the right side of the penalty area or challenged Krncevic in the air when he met Jimmy Rooney's curled free kick from the left.

Late in the second half, the Czech attacks snot their inventiveness. On several occasions, Czech players simply hoisted a cross into the goal mouth.

The Czechs had hardly played a ball in the air in the first half but frustration at being constantly faced with a 10-man defence saw them resort to crosses.

Still, the Czechs gave a polished, professional display, and the match would not have disappointed the crowd. The Melbourne international game, unlike the previous two clashes in Sydney and Canberra, was a contest.

By KYLE PATTERSON

Anton Ondrus, Jan Kozak and Zdenek Nehoda were the best three in a team that had all players contributing.

Half time replacement Rotislav Vojacek had a difficult time with Krncevic in the first 15 minutes of the second half, particularly in the air.

However, the problems caused to the Czechs by Krncevic's flicks were minimal as the lanky striker had little or no support.

Anton Panenka, the midfielder who scored the decisive penalty that won Czechoslovakia the European crown in 1976, wasn't as influential as his midfield partner Kozak.

Panenka, reputed to be the Czech's vital link in midfield, was replaced at half time by Miroslav Gajdusek.

Marian Masny, the forward who was sought by Manchester Utd not long ago, wasn't a spectacular player in Melbourne, but his contribution was vital.

It was Masny who earned Czechoslovakia a penalty when Jim Tansey and goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse 'sandwiched' him in the penalty area. Karol Dobias scored the penalty.

Masny was involved in the second Czech goal when he crossed the ball to the near post. The ball fell to Nehoda, who showed why he is rated alongside the top marksmen in Europe by chesting the ball and whipping it past Woodhouse in a split second.

It was the powerful Ondrus who impressed most, giving an extraordinary display as the sweeper or 'libero' in defence.

He showed early that his style is not based purely on defence. He intercepted a loose Australian pass, and dribbled forward.

He released the ball some 10 metres to a midfielder in a position ahead of him. Not content with that, Ondrus moved wide to make position for a return pass.

It was not forthcoming immediately but he continued his run and received the ball after a further exchange of passes.

Ondrus, who was not followed on his run by an Australian forward, then had space to attack and finally made a good pass to forward Ladislav Vizek.

How many times in Australian soccer do you see a sweeper make position in the attacking third of the field? Rarely!

In fact, the way of thinking in Australian soccer is for the sweeper never to leave his post as the last man in defence.

Our British-style game encourages full backs to venture up the flanks as support players. The Czechs, however, place equal emphasis on the centre backs supporting. Ondrus often moved freely into attack, as did Ladislav Jurkemik, the Czechs' No 1 centre back who played in the first half before being substituted.

Both these players are giants — both well over 6ft, and have a powerful physique. Well, the two defenders have admirable mobility and creative skills.

Because of their forays into attack, full backs Koloman Gogh and Jozef Barmos were subdued as attacking players.

However, that is not to say Gogh and Barmos are purely defensive. The Czechs can't afford to have players who aren't adept at moving into attacking positions. The short-passing game requires maximum support of the man with the ball.

That was the story of the Czechs' first half performance. Ondrus commended play from the back, moving forward from his defensive post, trying to find an opening in the massed Australian defence.

Kozak, who had the ability to shake off his markers and find space, was the instigator of many fine Czech moves.

The forward trio of Masny, Nehoda and Vizek was closely marked but refused to remain static. Their constant movements made it hard for the Australian defence to stay in position. Despite their running, there was not much space for midfielders coming through.

Kozak and Ondrus played many fine passes through the packed defence, as the Czechs searched for openings.

Although not ripped apart, the Australian defence had no answer to the swift Czech raids. Woodhouse saved a certain goal from Kozak, who hit a cracker-jack shot from 25 metres, and several Australian defenders scrambled the ball out of the six-yard box on one occasion when Nehoda was set to pounce.

It was only due to sheer frustration that the Czechs lost a bit of purpose towards the end.

Scheinflug Roos' No. 2

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Les Scheinflug is almost certain to be named assistant national coach.

This is the impression given to me by Rudi Gutendorf at the farewell dinner organised by Victorian club Slavia for the Czechoslovakian team on Saturday night.

Scheinflug (pictured), who led Marconi to the national championship last year, was named 1979 Coach of the Year by the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA).

Gutendorf's preference for Scheinflug as his assistant is fourfold:

1. Scheinflug has the experience, having been assistant national coach to Rale Rasic in the 1973-74 World Cup campaign, and captain of Australia in the 1968 World Cup games.

2. He encourages Marconi to play the type of offensive football Gutendorf likes to see the Socceroos play.

3. The nucleus of the national team plays for Marconi.

4. Gutendorf and Scheinflug already have a good working relationship, they both speak German and Scheinflug signed Socceroos Eddie Krncevic and Peter Raskopoulos on strong recommendations from Gutendorf.



Bad for our image!

By KYLE PATTERSON

FIFA president Joao Havelange is due to visit Australia in September this year and no doubt the Australian Soccer Federation will do some extensive Spring cleaning and project a glossy image for our influential visitor.

Much of the visible 'dirt' will be swept under the carpet and the loose ends hurriedly tucked in when Mr. Havelange arrives, in the hope that the FIFA boss gets a good impression of soccer in this country.

Perhaps the ASF should worry more as much about Australian soccer's image in the eyes of the Australian public.

Several aspects of last Saturday night's international were harmful to the image of the national team.

The appearance of the players was the first sore spot. Coach Rudi Gutendorf led out 18 players in various dress for a warm up. Some were ready to play, others who were in the starting line-up had tracksuits on, one player wore grey(?) tracksuit slacks and another a red tracksuit jacket.

The Czechs, in dress, not that it takes professionals from Europe to know how to dress in the correct manner.

The next demerit concerns the antics from the bench.

Gutendorf gesticulated towards the crowd and was constantly up and down shoving at his players.

Another bad feature was the use of eight substitutes. The ASF agreement on the Czech tour was that four substitutes and a reserve goalkeeper could enter the game.

However, when this rule is blatantly abused and an uninjured player is substituted after 26 minutes, the crowd must wonder what is going on.

Would any of these things happen in an international game anywhere else in the world? Do all international players dress in correctly? Do all national coaches and assistants run onto the ground? Do other countries allow eight substitutions in an international game?

The most important question is: Why does it happen in Australia?

The Australia v. Czechoslovakia game was classed a grade A international by FIFA. This means the game is ranked in the top category of international soccer.

Take into account the dubious quality of refereeing, the 'lock out' of spectators before the curtain-raiser and the policy of Rudi Gutendorf to introduce players to his squad only days before the big game and the situation is pretty bleak.

I shudder to think what Joao Havelange would make of it if he were here to witness it.

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Wollongong new boys shock Croatia

Wollongong Utd appointed Mike Johnson (ex Sutherland and St George) as coach and promptly rewarded him with a first up win over Croatia in the Ampol Cup, with a late penalty goal by Girsas.

Croatia paraded stars Coleman, Savor, Wayton, A. Kovacic, G. Smith, Basic and Cagali, but the absence of Abonyi was obvious in this defeat.

The side from the South Coast showed plenty of skill but it is difficult to see them stopping Croatia in full flight.

Unfortunately for tri-colours, they did not have a player who could organise their ranks and attack with purpose and imagination.

There was too much pushing and shoving while service to the attack was almost zero. To be a threat in this year's Cup it is imperative that some semblance of style be brought into operation.

Despite this setback I feel Croatia should qualify for the quarter finals with a win over Marrickville in its last round match. Wollongong would in turn need a point against Kuringal to clinch its quarterfinal place.

In group "B" only two games have been played to date but the pattern is quite obvious, with Auburn and Bankstown leading the group. On their performances to date they can look towards first and second spot in the group. Bankstown is favoured to take the lead.

Monaro, with the loss of Valeri and Giampaolo as well as Bourke, could not plug up the holes and were comprehensively beaten by Bankstown. It could have been even worse but for a late (and dubious) penalty given to Monaro.

Group "C" is an open and shut case. Sydney Olympic is in the quarter finals while Sutherland is on its way. It is difficult to see how Parramatta and Manly could upset either team.

Sydney Olympic is playing without Ken Wilson and Graham Jennings, two of their star players, but still manages to slaughter the opposition, while Sutherland is far better than its 1-0 win over Manly in the second round indicates. Despite the loss of Beggs, Hall and almost certainly Schumann, Sutherland looks a good bet for the quarter finals.

It is interesting to note that one of the best young prospects in Australia, a young defender who has already represented NSW and was "going places" last year, finds himself on the way out of Soccer. Keith Schumann, certainly Australia's player of the future, is talking about going back to the A.I. Age competition.

He is transfer-listed by Sutherland at \$10,000 and at that price he is a bargain!

In group "D", Avala has messed up early calculations with its fine win over Melita. It is difficult to predict the outcome of this group as the third round matches could change everything.

Arncliffe Scots look a safe bet for the quarters, while Avala must only to remain in second spot. If Avala takes only a point out of its last quarterfinals on goal difference.

North Sydney on 2 points could spoil all calculations by taking a point from Melita while hoping that Avala loses to clinch its final eight spot.

My Quarterfinal draw: Wollongong — Auburn, Croatia — Bankstown, Sydney Olympic — Avala, Arncliffe — Sutherland, Sydney Olympic, Croatia, Wollongong and Arncliffe to go to the semifinals.

Details

GROUP "A": Croatia — Kuringal 4:1, Wollongong — Marrickville (Postponed to 20-2-80)
Round 2: Wollongong — Croatia 1:0, Kuringal — Marrickville 4:3

TABLE
Wollongong 1:0 2
Croatia 4:2 2
Kuringal 5:7 2
Marrickville 3:4

Round 3: Kuringal — Wollongong, Seymour Shaw, 9.00 pm (12.2.80)
Croatia — Marrickville, St George Stadium, 9.00 (15.2.80)

Postponed games: Wollongong — Marrickville, 20.2.80

GROUP "B": Bankstown — Yugal (postponed)

Auburn — Monaro (postponed)
Round 2: Auburn — Yugal 2:0, Bankstown — Monaro 4:2

Auburn	2:0 2
Bankstown	4:2 2
Monaro	2:4 0
Yugal	0:2 0

Round 3: Bankstown — Auburn, St George Stadium, 9.00 pm (13.2.80)

Yugal — Monaro, St George Stadium, 7.15 (15.2.80)

GROUP "C": Sydney Olympic — Manly 1:0

Sutherland — Parramatta (postponed)

Round 2: Sydney Olympic — Parramatta 4:0, Sutherland — Manly 1:0

TABLE

Sydney Olympic 5:0 4

Sutherland 1:0 2

Manly 0:4 0

Parramatta 0:4 0

Round 3: Parramatta — Manly, 7.15 pm, St George Stadium (13.2.80)

Sydney Olympic — Sutherland, Seymour Shaw Park, 9.00 pm (15.2.80)

Results in group "D": North Sydney — Avala 2:1, Arncliffe — Melita 1:1

Round 2: Avala — Melita 1:0, Arncliffe — North Sydney 4:2

TABLE

Arncliffe 5:3 3

Avala 2:2 2

North Sydney 4:5 2

Melita 1:2 1

Round 3: Avala — Arncliffe, Seymour Shaw, 7.15 (13.2.80)

Melita — North Sydney, Seymour Shaw, 7.15 (15.2.80)

Sutherland 1 Manly 0

Scorer: Meades

Referee: B. Fowler 8.

Crowd: 2835 (D.H.)

Yellow cards: Nil

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 9, Holman 8, Woods 7, Dal Forno 7, Watkins 7, Smith 8, Tasker 7, Meades 8, Rogers 7 (Murphy 87), Bush 7, Harrington 8.

MANLY: Casertari 8, Moutte 6, Hancock 7, Doyle 7, Townsend 6, Geoghean 6 (Burchett 68), Riley 8, Jack 8, Nawalu 6, Rozenzehl 6, Stuart 6.

Without Beggs, Hall, Schumann and with the evergreen Johnny Watkins leading its youngsters, Sutherland did not start favourites in this the second round match of the Ampol Cup.

Without a number of last year's stars, Sutherland showed much more purpose and initiative to score a narrow but convincing victory over the enthusiastic Manly youngsters. In fact, the difference between the two sides could have been far greater but for some good goalkeeping by Chris Casertari.

Sutherland attacked furiously in the first 25 minutes and could have scored a few goals in that period. In the 16th it was Craig Rogers, then in the 20th it was Craig Holman who erred with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Steve Meades made amends with a well-taken goal in the 25th minute. An accurate through pass by Bobby Smith found Meades too fast for the Manly defence and Casertari had no answer for a shot that sailed past his outstretched arms.

Sutherland continued to attack and with the exception of a short period just after half time, managed to hold the upper hand

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Scorer: Girsas

Referee: R. Lorenz

Ground: St George Stadium

Crowd: 2835 (D.H.)

Yellow cards: G. Smith (Cr.)

WOLLONGONG Utd: M. Terzovski 8, Naumovski 7, Vilestra 8, Trajkovski 7, N. Terzovski 8, C. Talevski 8, H. Sattin 7, R. Sattin 7, Daskovski 8, Trajkovski 7, Bingham 8, Naumovski 7 (Girsas 8).

CROATIA: Watson 8, A. Kovacic 7, Cagali 6, Basic 7, Smith 6, Durdic 6 (Reo 6-81), Mullen 6, Savor 8, Coleman 6, M. Kovacic 7, Cootes 7 (Muratovic -).

Wollongong Utd, playing in their first ever Ampol Cup, surprised the Sydney champions Croatia, with some skilful football to take the points at St George Stadium.

Playing against a strong wind in the first half, Croatia managed to create the first chance of the game after 30 minutes. Wally Savor faced Terzovski, but the keeper managed to block the shot by the Croatia midfielder and keep the scoreline blank.

Vilestra replaced injured Naumovski towards the end of the first half to add to Wollongong's troubles at the back, but the team from the south managed not only to hold their own but to frequently pierce Croatia's defence.

With minutes to go to half time, H. Sattin faced Watson in a situation which looked a goal all the way. Unfortunately, Sattin's shot rebounded off the keeper's sprawled body and over for a corner.

Coleman missed early for Croatia, then Wollongong had two good chances but M. Trajkovski and V. Daskovski missed badly from right in front.

Rezo replaced Durdic in the Croatia team and Girsas replaced Naumovski for Wollongong.

Wollongong's substitute was the man who changed the scoreline soon afterwards. Girsas picked up a good cross by Bingham to race into the area but was brought down well inside by Cagali and Richie Lorenz had no hesitation in awarding a penalty to the visitors.

Wally Savor saved the penalty before the kick was taken and Girsas made no mistake with his second shot.

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NSW AMPOL CUP

with ALEX VESIC



Frustrated, Croatia had their captain Greg Smith booked towards the end of the game to cap an unhappy evening for the favourites.

Syd. Olympic 4 Parramatta 0

Goals: Laing, C. Eaton 2, Hosseini.

Referee: D. Pritchard 7.

Stadium: St George.

Yellow cards: O'Maye.

Crowd: 2378 (Double header).

OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 8, Ankudinoff 8, Palmer 7, Rowden 7, McIntosh 6, Cross 7, Hosseini 9, Zira 6 (Karyaspas 82).

SCOTT: Kousas 78, Eaton 8, Laing 8.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 9, Jordan 7, Bigland 6, Fisher 6, O'Maye 7, Lachey 8 (Guy 6-45), Mitchell 7, Heyday 6, Roden 5, Heurne 5, Brizuela 6.

Sydney Olympic, the recently relegated Phillips League club, showed style to crush Parramatta City 4-0 at St George Stadium.

Some 15 minutes from the start, Olympic scored through Derek Laing following good lead-up by Eaton to pave the way for an easy win. Donovan made some miraculous saves in the first half to keep Parramatta in the game but was beaten for the second time on the stroke of half time.

His save from McIntosh in the 27th minute was a reflex action that brought some 2500 spectators to their feet. Two minutes before half time Clive Eaton's fierce drive point blank range was again saved by Donovan.

However, Eaton ran past a few defenders before beating Donovan with a low drive in the last seconds of the first half to make it 2-0.

Eaton was on the spot seven minutes into the second half to pick up a good cross by Laing and tuck it under the crossbar for Olympic's third goal, but that was the end of the show.

The last 35 minutes were played in slow motion, obviously due to the fact that Olympic had the game sewn up, while Parramatta were happy not to go further behind.

Housseini Housseini, the Iranian national team representative, sent a cracking 35-metre drive in the 84th minute under the crossbar to live up proceedings for a few moments and close the show on a bright note for Olympic.

Housseini was by far the best player on the park and showed skills that are so sadly lacking at the moment in our soccer.

He was on the receiving during the game but still finished full of running.

It is to be hoped that the reserves will take note and attempt to stop the rough-house tactics in order to keep players like Housseini protected.

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Avala 1 Melita 0

Goal: Karanfilovski

Stadium: St George.

Crowd: 2378 (Double header)

Referee: P. Rampley 9.

Yellow cards: R. Griffith (25'), B. Young (21'), Luxford (24'), Jones (25'), B. Kodor (59').

Red cards: R. Griffith (18'), V. Juchlewicz (8'), P. Mikas (70').

AVALA: Ahrens 9, G. Bateman 7, R. Griffith — Barton 8, S. Deller 7, Pilovski 8, Lavin 7, Tih 7, Young 7, Kodor 7, Karanfilovski 9.

MELITA: Luxford 7, Caboni 7 (Parker 66'), McDonald 7, S. Bateman 7, Juchlewicz — Mikas — Babian 7, Farrugia 8, Allan 7, Stoddard 6, Jones 7.

Peter Rampley, one of our most competent referees, had his hands full at Barton Park, having to issue no less than six yellow cards and three red cards in a game that never reached the vicious stage but was full of spite.

Melita was one player down after only 10 minutes of play. Juchlewicz was brought down metres from the side line and Rampley was on the spot to give Melita a free kick. However, Juchlewicz decided to get his own back by head-butting Pilovski. Rampley had no hesitation in sending him off the field.

It looked drastic but was well deserved by the Melita player and should serve as a notice to all those who aim to tangle with a referee of Rampley's experience.

Some 10 minutes later Ron Griffith was booked for a late tackle on Terry Jones and got his name into Rampley's diary. Two minutes later it was Young's turn to go into the book for lifting his foot in front of Luxford, then Griffith got his marching orders after another foul on Jones.

In the meantime Avala appeared to have settled earlier and showed glimpses of attacking flair. Karanfilovski grazed the crossbar in the 20th minute following a free kick, and only a minute later the same player was on the spot to pick up a good through ball from Lavin and slam it into the roof of the net for the only goal of the game.

Goalkeeper Luxford objected to Rampley's decision to let that goal stand and also got the yellow card. Terry Jones followed his keeper and was booked for a foul on Bateman to make it four yellow cards and two red cards with only 25 minutes gone.

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ESSENDON CROATIA 0
MARCONI 0 at Olympic Park, Melbourne. Crowd: 2300.
COATIA: Blasby 5 — Lewis 7 (Gardiner 5.5 half time), Short 6, Kokoska 7, Blavier (Karin 7.5 (Collins 7.5 half time), Tront 6, Murphy 8 — Gilder 6 (Cumming 6.5 half time), Krnecic 6 (Batovic 6, half time), Mitten 6.
MARCONI: Maher 6 — Salvago 6, Russell 8.5, Brogan 6, Degney 6.5 — Lindsay 7, Reskopoulos 6 (Colusso 6, half time), Byrne 7 — Williams 8.5, Mariani 8 (Injured (Corry 82nd min.) Domestic 8.
 The so-called 'Battle of the Champions' was a fizzer in many ways, but provided some light entertainment for the 2000-plus crowd that attended the match.

Corry on the wing

The match gave Soccerroo striker Eddie Krnecic the chance to turn out for his old club, but curiously the Essendon Croatia fans weren't in the mood for any hero-worshipping and proceeded to light-heartedly jeer the Marconi striker after a series of bad passes.

The match was part of the transfer deal which took Krnecic from Croatia to Marconi and national stardom.

The mood of the game was relaxed, but took on more of a comical note when former Soccerroo goalkeeper Ron Corry came on as a late substitute and played on the left wing for Marconi!

Corry, 36, who represented Australia 33 times, is now the No. 2 to Allan Maher at Marconi.

He was forced into action when Bertie Mariani suffered a bad case of cramp near the end of the game, and had to leave the field.

Marconi was without six star players — Peter Sharpe, Tony Henderson, Ivo Prskalo, Eddie Krnecic, Roberto Vieri and Mark Jankovics. — KYLE PATTERSON



• At the farewell dinner organised for Czechoslovakia, from left, Czech officials Ing Bata and Jan Tomanek, Slavia president John Kosnar, Slavia coach Tony Vrzina and Czech coach Joe Venglos. Photo: Des Papp.

SLAVIA—CHELSEA LINK?

Equipped with new coach Tony Vrzina, and new president John Kosnar, Victorian club Slavia is set for a new era which may involve amalgamation with Third Division club Chelsea.

The amalgamation would give Slavia a permanent home ground and a district from which to draw juniors, and it would involve all at Chelsea in Victoria's top league.

Vrzina, former coach of Preston Macedonia, Western Suburbs and Croatia (Vic),

hopes to retain Harry Chalkitis who has handled the team for the past two seasons.

"Harry is a very talented young coach with brilliant future. I look forward to working with him," Vrzina said.

It was a fine gesture by Mr Kosnar and his colleagues to organise a farewell dinner for the Czechoslovakian team at the Rheinland Restaurant off Lonsdale Street after the 2-2 draw with the Soccerroos on Saturday night. — LAURIE SCHWAB



Beograd strengthened its claims on the 1980 Ampol Cup with a tough, determined 1-0 win over Victoria at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The win put Beograd on top of the eight-team league while Victoria seems to have slipped away from contention.

After a fine start to the summer season, Victoria has played poorly in the last fortnight losing 2-0 and 1-0.

Meanwhile Beograd showed it has the qualities to lift the Cup although it lacked its usual sparkle.

The only goal of the match came in the 41st minute when Milan Opacic split the defence with a piece of magic on the edge of the six metre box and rifled a glorious shot into the roof of the net.

BEGRAD: (Opacic 41) **VICTORIA 0.**
BEGRAD: Maricic 8, Campbell 7, Sim 7, Harwood 9, Urakalo 7.

DOUVRALDIA 7, Kalinovic 7 (Arazina 7), Evans 7, Tsanadla 7, Opacic 6, Pantalis 7 (Santaci).
VICTORIA: Green 7, Gauci 7, Waxman 7, Higgins 7, Fyle 7, McKie 7, Boyle 7, Mitchell 6, Joat 7, Key 7, Elliott 6 (Gill).

PARA HILLS 1 (Durrant 51), CAMPBELLTOWN 1 (Berendregt 33).

PARA: Pridoux 8, Tomlinson 7,

HEIDELBERG TO GET MCKENDRY

Len McKendry is hot favorite for the vacant coaching position at Heidelberg United.

McKendry has been coach of the Victorian State team and also State Director of Coaching for the past 18 months. During that time Victoria has beaten AEK Athens, Partizan Belgrade and Red Star Belgrade.

He is believed to be interested in doing the Heidelberg job in addition to his VSF duties, at least until his contract with the VSF expires in about five months' time.

The contract stipulates that he cannot coach a club while employed by the Federation but despite that clause, the VSF is unlikely to stand in his way.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf is eager to have McKendry join Heidelberg, where he would continue to work with Soccerroos John Yzendoorn, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole, Jim Campbell, Yakka Banovic and Jim Tansey, all of whom are in McKendry's State team as well.

"If McKendry joins Heidelberg, it will be good for Heidelberg and good for me," Gutendorf said this week.

"McKendry and the VSF have been of great assistance to me in the development of players through the senior State team and through junior representative squads, where Bill Curran was heavily involved."

"The national team's left flank block of Tansey, Rooney and Tommy Cumming is the product of McKendry's State team."

McKendry became the leading candidate for the Heidelberg job when English FA staff coach John Adams turned down an offer by the club last week.

The position became vacant when Manny Poulakakis

switched to State League club Juventus.



Hellas goalie Peter Laumets punches clear of, from left: Theo Selamidis, George Christopoulos, Frank Munco (front) and Bob Provan. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

BOX HILL v WAVERLEY

First Division club Box Hill takes on local rivals Waverley City at Wembley Park this Saturday, February 16, at 3 pm.

The reserve teams will clash in a curtain raiser, which kicks off at 1 pm.

CATHY TOP SCORER

Cathy Blackmore, was the leading goalscorer at the conclusion of first round matches in the Victorian Women's Soccer Association indoor competition.

Strange penalty

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Christopoulos 36th and penalty 44th, Campbell 37th and 63rd) **HEIDELBERG UNITED 3** (Cole 60th, penalty 65th and 71st) at Middle Park, crowd about 2000.

HELLAS: Laumets 6 — V. Bannan 7, Munro 5, Xanthopoulos 7, Davidson 6 — Wright 7, Rogers 6, Christopoulos 6 — Lutton 7 (Kakantonis 70th), Evans 7, Campbell 8.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 (Banovic 6 half time) — Yzendoorn 6 (Campbell 5 half time), Provan 8, P. Bannan 6, McMillan 9 — Yankos 8, Selamidis 5, Moula 5 (Rooney 5 half time) — Pavlidis 5 (Cole 9 half time), Paton 5 (Injured, Kyriakidis 55th), Bozicas 6.

This practice match featured the strangest penalty I have seen. As Heidelberg played the ball forward in the 65th minute, a linesman flagged offside, Hellas centre back Frank Munro stopped the ball with his hands, and placed it for the free kick, but referee Evangelos Venios had not blown his whistle, so he awarded Heidelberg a penalty for handball.

Gary Cole scored from the spot. Hellas held a 3-0 lead at half time against a vastly under-strength Heidelberg which rested internationals Jim Tansey, Jimmy Rooney, Jim Campbell, Yakka Banovic and Cole.

All except Tansey, who was injured, came on at the break and Cole proceeded to tear apart the Hellas defence, scoring three goals including the penalty.

The match was played to raise money to pay the balance of Branko Buljevic's transfer fee. — LAURIE SCHWAB

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Frankston recruit lost his place to Bobby Moore

By PETER DESIRE

Victoria's present holders of the most appearances in the English League are about to relinquish their title to a player who is due to join Frankston City later this month.

Alun Evans and Billy Wilkinson are Melbourne's most experienced English League campaigners.

Evans' career in England took him from Wolves (20 appearances) via Liverpool (77) and Aston Villa (53) to Walsall (78) for a total of 228 league matches.

Wilkinson played for most of his career with Hull City (209) then spent a season at Rotherham United (14) for a total 223 league matches before going to America to play for Boston Minutemen.

However their career record easily is surpassed by that of Jimmy Dunne, Frankston's big capture, who has signed a three-year contract with the club.

Dunne piled up a total of 386 appearances in a career that spanned 13 years in English soccer.

Dunne was at Irish club Shelbourne before joining Millwall in 1966. The following year he joined Torquay United and spent three seasons there before transferring to Fulham for \$15,000 in 1970.

He helped Fulham in promotion to the Second Division in his first season and then totted up 97 Second Division matches in a four-year stint before making way for a player by the name of Bobby Moore in the Fulham side.

Dunne subsequently rejoined Torquay in April 1976 and figured either in midfield or defence for a further three seasons to bring his number of appearances for the club to 244.

Admittedly Frankston's buy has spent the larger part of his career in the Third & Fourth Divisions, whereas Evans and Wilkinson played mostly in the First and Second Division respectively.

However there is no escaping the fact that Dunne's experience will prove invaluable to the baysiders as they attempt to better last year's achievement of finishing league runners-up.

• Frankston City's new signing Jimmy Dunne (second from left, standing), with the 1971 Fulham team. The players are, standing from left: Vic Halom, Jimmy Dunne, Reg Mathewson, Malcolm Webster, Mike Pentecost, Stan Horne, Terry Madwin (coach), Stan Brown. Front: Jimmy Conway, George Johnston, Steve Earle, Barry Lloyd, Les Barrett, Fred Callaghan.

Dunne, 31, who represented the Republic of Ireland in 1971 against Austria, will arrive in Melbourne in two weeks' time with his wife Linda and children Nicholas 9, and Tracy 2.

Frankston already has lined up a job for him as a sales representative and hopes that he will settle into the side quickly and help bring out the best in the club's youngsters.

FOOTNOTE: One person whom Dunne is certain to look up in due course is George Potter, the Brisbane Lions defender. The two were team mates at Torquay in 1969 when Potter followed manager Allan Brown from Luton to the Gulls.

Career Record: 1966 Millwall Nil apps. 1967 - 70 Torquay 125 apps 13 gls (Div 3) 1970 - 71 Fulham 45 apps 1 gl (Div 2) 1971 - 72 Fulham 30 apps - (Div 2) 1972-73 Fulham 32 apps - (Div 2) 1973-74 Fulham 35 apps + 1 sub (Div 3) 1975-76 Torquay 1 app (Div 4) 1976-77 Torquay 40 apps (Div 4) 1977-78 Torquay 35 apps 4 gls (Div 4) 1978-79 Torquay 43 apps Born Dublin, 5ft 9in, 10st 11lb

U.S. should join Oceania: official

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The United States and Canada as part of the Oceania Confederation ... it's an interesting concept suggested this week by a prominent soccer official from Dallas, Texas.

Ron Griffiths, a director of the giant junior club the Texas Longhorns, says ASF president Sir Arthur George also favors the suggestion.

Griffiths has been talking with Australian officials about the possibility of sending Australian junior teams to Dallas to compete in the Dallas Cup tournament for under 19, 16 and 14 age groups.

"The U.S. has its problems with the smaller nations of CONCACAF, and I would see membership of Oceania as making much more sense."

"In many ways, the U.S. and Australia are similar in soccer. We both have young national leagues, we both are striving to promote the game at grass roots level, and we have the same problems regarding distance. Going from Melbourne to Perth is like going from Los Angeles to Florida.

"From what I see, Australia and New Zealand are progressive."

The U.S. and Canada also are progressive. It would be a great move to get these countries together under one Confederation."

Meanwhile, the U.S. hopes to qualify for the finals of the World Youth Championships, to be staged in Australia next year.

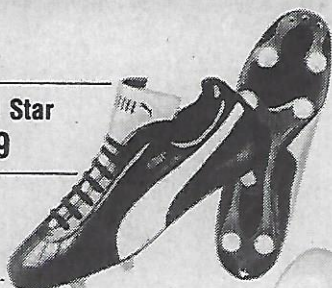
Canada reached the last finals, played in Japan last year.

Griffiths is tournament director of the Dallas Cup for which he is trying to drum up interest here and in New Zealand.

Clubs or States interested in competing in the Cup next year should write to Griffiths at 14027 Floyd Road, Dallas, Texas 75240, USA His phone number in Dallas is 214/231-3855.

His own club, the Texas Longhorns, has played an amazing 355 matches against overseas teams. The longhorns under 19s also won the Munich Cup in West Germany.

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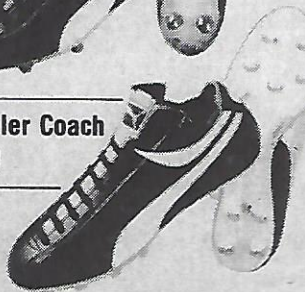
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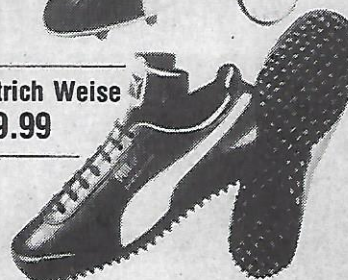
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Colombia out-ranks mighty Brazil and Argentina in the South American national team standings, compiled according to international results.

Internationals played (home team first) April
Argentina 2 Bulgaria 1

Brazil 6 Paraguay 0, Holland 0 Argentina 0, Italy 2 Argentina 2, Brazil 5 Uruguay 1.

JUNE
Irish Rep 0 Argentina 0, Scotland 1 Argentina 3, Chile 0 Ecuador 0.

JULY
Bolivia 3 Paraguay 1, Chile 1 Uruguay 0, Bolivia 2 Argentina 1, Peru 2 Ecuador 1, Uruguay 2 Chile 1, Peru 0 Colombia 1, Bolivia 2 Brazil 1.

AUGUST
Venezuela 0 Colombia 0, Venezuela 1 Chile 1, Colombia 1 Chile 0, Brazil 2 Argentina 2, Argentina 3 Bolivia 0,

Colombia leads Latin giants

Brazil 2 Bolivia 0, Argentina 2 Brazil 2, Paraguay 2 Bolivia 0, Colombia 4 Venezuela 0, Chile 7 Paraguay 0, Ecuador 1 Paraguay 2, Peru 2 Uruguay 0.

SEPTEMBER
Chile 2 Colombia 0, Ecuador 2 Uruguay 1, Paraguay 2 Ecuador 0, Uruguay 2 Ecuador 1, West Germany 2 Argentina 1, Yugoslavia 4 ar-

The modest Chinese...

(Extracts from an interview with the General Secretary of the All-China Sports Federation, Mr. He Zhen-liang, which appeared in "L'Equipe" Paris on 17 October 1979 after the re-affiliation of the Football Association of the People's Republic of China.)

"We hope to be in Spain in 1982."

...The solution which has been found is the most re-

alistic one. It gives the footballers from the province of Taiwan the possibility of continuing to play. There is nothing to prevent even players from China from playing against them...

...This return to China is important not only in the sporting sense but also with regard to friendly relations among the peoples...

gentina 2, Scotland 1 Peru 1, Paraguay 0 Uruguay 0, Uruguay 2 Paraguay 2.

OCTOBER
Peru 1 Chile 2, Paraguay 2 Brazil 1, Chile 0 Peru 0, Brazil 2 Paraguay 2, Peru 2 Paraguay 3, Mexico 1 Peru 0.

NOVEMBER
Paraguay 3 Chile 0.

DECEMBER
Chile 1 Paraguay 0, Paraguay 0 Chile 0.

ITALY THE IN EUROPE

Rossi (Italy)

Kaltz (W. Germany)

Migueli (S)

The most open European championship finals in years — and not just because eight teams take part now instead of four.

That was the general verdict when officials had put aside their national preferences after the draw for the June finals.

Italy, hosts and winners when they last staged the finals in 1968, appear to have the slightly easier task — with two outsiders in Spain and Belgium in their group. But they know they must beware and England keen for revenge for the World Cup elimination.

However it's the other group that promises the most dramatic moments — with West Germany, Holland and Czechoslovakia all genuine contenders and only Greece as lightweight.

Rome's Olympic stadium will host both the opening match and the grand final — the first fixture of the tournament being holders Czechoslovakia against West Germany, a repeat of the 1976 final.

England start in Turin the next day with Belgium, the comparatively easy start manager Ron Greenwood had set his heart on.

The group winners meet in the final, the second-placed teams in the third-place match. There are no semi-finals in between, and if the final is all-square after extra time there will be a replay on June 24.

THE FINALISTS ENGLAND

Ron Greenwood's guidance has restored a great deal of pride and determination to England, and though he rates his men only fourth in Europe, they could well make matters tough for Italy.

If, as seems likely, the teams battle out a draw, then it will be the comparative records against Spain and Belgium which separate them — and Eng-

land look more likely to run up the goals than their hosts.

Whatever misgivings there may be at home about whether Greenwood wants 4-3-3 or 4-2-4, it is a fact that Kevin Keegan and Co are a force very much feared on the Continent, where Trevor Brooking is probably rated far higher than in Britain.

ITALY

Winners in 1968 when they hosted these finals before. Then they beat Yugoslavia 2-0 luckily in a replayed final in Rome. And only one man is likely to survive, goalkeeper Dino Zoff.

He's Italy's captain even though his league form lately has been patchy with Juventus, who provide the bulk of the rest of the team in sweeper Gaetano Scirea, left-back Antonio Cabrini, midfielder Marco Tardelli and forwards Franco Causio and Roberto Bettega (though Romeo Benetti has gone).

Manager Enzo Bearzot, now in his fifth year in sole charge, is keeping to the team who finished fourth in Argentina, even if several are long in the tooth — with notable exceptions such as Giancarlo Antognoni and world record \$3 million centre-forward Paolo Rossi.

Despite pressure from fans and the media Bearzot is likely to reject pleas to bring in comparatively untried youngsters in attack such as Sandro Altobelli (Inter) and Bruno Giordano (Lazio).

SPAIN

Ladislao Kubala, Spain's Hungarian-born boss, is the longest-serving manager in the finals, having been in charge more than 10 years. But these finals are personally vital because his contract expires at the end of June and if he is to lead Spain into their own 1982 World Cup Finals, his men must put up a decent show.

The Spanish don't expect to win. Even their fans couldn't fail to read the signs

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Some of our players could suffer from nervousness. We shall be there to remind them to keep their respect for the opponents, the public and the referee... (From "FIFA News")

Ujpesti wins in Japan

Hungarian first division club Ujpesti Dorosa beat Japan's national team 2-0 in a goodwill match at Okayama last week.

The Hungarians led 2-0 at halftime.

It was the third straight win against one draw for the visitors on a six-match goodwill tour of Japan.

YUGOSLAVIA VIA BES

Europe's most successful team will not compete in the European championships in Italy.

Yugoslavia, under brilliant coach Miljan Miljanic, won each of its six internationals in 1979, scoring 18 goals to four for a 100 per cent success rate.

However, it lost to Spain and Rumania in 1978 before Maljanic took over, and so it failed to qualify for the European finals.

European rankings for 1979, based on international results:

England defeats Eire 2-0

England beat the Republic of Ireland 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in their last remaining European championship group one qualifying match at Wembley Stadium on London.

Scorer Kevin Keegan (34th and 74th mins). Attendance: 90,299.

Final group standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	7	1	0	22	5	16	
W. Ireland	4	1	3	8	14	9	
Rep. of Ireland	2	3	3	8	7	7	
Scotland	2	1	5	8	14	5	
Denmark	1	2	5	13	17	4	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
YUGOSLAVIA	6	6	0	0	18	4	
West Germany	9	7	2	0	20	5	
France	6	5	0	1	17	4	
Austria	8	5	3	0	16	7	
England	10	7	2	1	23	6	
Poland	11	7	3	1	21	5	
Belgium	7	4	2	1	10	4	
Italy	5	3	1	1	9	6	
Czechoslovakia	9	6	0	3	20	9	
Turkey	7	4	1	2	7	5	
Holland	8	4	2	2	12	9	
Russia	14	6	4	4	21	10	
Hungary	6	3	2	5	18	15	
East Germany	12	5	2	1	2	6	
Portugal	5	2	1	2	6	6	
Wales	8	3	2	3	9	10	
Denmark	9	3	2	4	11	11	
Rumania	9	2	3	4	11	13	
Sweden	12	3	3	6	13	15	
Greece	4	1	1	2	2	7	
Eire	10	3	1	6	12	13	
Bulgaria	10	3	1	6	8	16	
Spain	6	1	2	3	7	9	
Finland	9	1	4	4	6	11	
Scotland	9	2	2	5	6	16	
N. Ireland	8	2	1	5	5	17	
Switzerland	7	2	0	5	6	15	
Norway	7	1	0	6	4	16	
Malta	5	0	1	4	2	10	
Cyprus	5	0	1	4	1	14	
Luxembourg	5	0	1	4	1	14	
Iceland	6	0	0	6	2	15	

NB: Ruled out because did not play a minimum of four games

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evident in the poor displays (0-1 at home v Yugoslavia; 3-1 away v Cyprus) in the last two qualifiers.

But they hope to do reasonably well, with a team lacking the veteran Jose Pirri, who has returned from international football. They will, however, in-

clude many of their World Cup men, including strikers Dani, Quini and Juanito—back after an 18 month UEFA suspension—and rugged centre-back Migue-

A clue to their form will come in the spring friendly against England.

BELGIUM

Outsiders, who surprised even themselves by qualifying at the expense of the more fancied Austria, Portugal and Scotland—whom they beat 3-1 at Hampden in December thanks to two goals from Anderlecht star, Francois Van der Elst.

Belgium are in a major finals tournament for the first time since finishing third when hosts in 1972.

But though they have some promising youngsters such as forwards Jan Ceulemans and Eddy Voordeckers, their unbeaten qualification owed the most to the gamble of manager Guy Thys in recalling 35-year-old Wilfrid Van Moer to direct the midfield again, after more than four years in the international wilderness.

HOLLAND

Would Holland have been more adventurously consistent in the 1978 World Cup if Jan Zwartkruis had been allowed to continue as manager instead of being relegated to No 2 under Ernst Happel?

The Euro finals could answer this question, for the 53-year-old ex-air force officer is back as No 1 and has done well to beat an injury crisis which has forced continual changes in midfield.

Continued Next Week

Brazilian to replace Keegan?

From JIM COOK, our European correspondent

Hamburg has an unknown Brazilian on six-months trial hoping he may replace Kevin Keegan. The player, Pacheco Waldemar Azambua cost only the air fare from Sao Paulo.

★ ★ ★

Czechoslovakia's star sweeper Anton Ondrus and international captain is likely to get permission to play abroad after the finals of the European championship. Now 29, he is tipped to go to West Germany, Italy or England.

★ ★ ★

If Laurie Cunningham, the former West Brom winger selected for the England squad against Northern Ireland, actually plays he could face a 5,000 pound fine and even lengthy suspension from his present club Real Madrid.

★ ★ ★

The Stadiums of Real Madrid and Barcelona, already among the best in the world, are getting extensive facilities for the 1982 World Cup. More than \$6 million has been allocated for modernisation.

Madrid's Estadio Bernabeu — setting for this season's European Cup Final — gets the World Cup Final, with Barcelona staging the opening game. The plan for Barcelona's ground includes raising the capacity from 90,000 to 120,000.

★ ★ ★

Kevin Mabbitt, the star 21-year-old striker of struggling Bristol City, is having his life made hell by some football hooligans in the city. First they vandalised his 15,000 pounds Lotus Esprit car and now they have forced him to move from his 35,000 pounds luxury flat.

★ ★ ★

Brian Clough has made no bones of the fact he wants to be boss of Barcelona — the club he rejected 10 years ago. Reports indicate that Cloughie doesn't see eye to eye with new Forest chairman Geoffrey McPherson, a local textile boss.

★ ★ ★

Little Harlow Town, the Isthmian League club and this year's F.A. Cup hero, has received offers from seven league clubs for its players.

★ ★ ★

No wonder Fourth Division side Wigan Athletic was rubbing its hands in glee after its 3-0 Cup defeat by near neighbors Everton. For Wigan shared a near 52,000 gate — highest of the round.

★ ★ ★

Ray Stewart, the under 21 Scotland defender who joined West Ham at the start of the season for 450,000 pounds from Dundee United, is a real penalty expert. He has scored seven out of seven for the Hammers so far.

★ ★ ★

If you want a bet on the eventual F.A. Cup winner, then Bobby Robson, the Ipswich manager, says his

Money's the evil: Schon

Former West German national coach Helmut Schon feels that football in his country and throughout the world is going through a dangerous crisis.

Thus, he has advocated a "re-discovery of technique", and warned about changing the laws.

Schon says the root of the evil lies in the money. He warned about placing physical fitness even more in the foreground to the disadvantage of tactics and technique in the fight for titles and money.

The evidently wide-spread opinion of many responsible parties that the worst coach was still good enough for youth players was therefore also of grave consequence.

soccer has been sacked by the club he took back to the First Division two years ago. Name is Ian Greaves of Bolton Wanderers who without a shadow of doubt will be back with a top side very soon.

★ ★ ★

In the Liverpool v Bury F.A. cup-tie Alan Kennedy of the Kop side will be up against his older brother Keith who plays for Bury.

★ ★ ★

Bobby Stokes, who scored Southampton's goal in its F.A. Cup final win against Manchester United in 1976, has been playing with non-league Cheltenham but has now left to rejoin his American club Washington Diplomats.

★ ★ ★

Bristol City's finances are so bad that promotions officer is trying to lay on two concerts by Paul McCartney and his Wings group. City also is threatened with relegation.

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Watford's young manager Graham Taylor re-

cently turned down a huge offer to coach an American club.

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Ian Callaghan now passed Bobby Charlton's record of F.A. Cup-tie appearances. Callaghan, the former Liverpool and England player presently with Swansea City, is in his 21st season of league football.

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Billy Bremner, manager of Doncaster Rovers, has been fined 200 pounds by the F.A. after being found guilty of using insulting language to a referee.

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Bobby Smith, boss of Swinton Town, is wanted as manager of Bolton Wanderers. But as Bolton is likely to be in the Second Division and Swinton may also get promotion to that division, Smith is unlikely to make an early decision.

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Ricardo Villa, Tottenham's Argentine international rates Kenny Dalglish higher than any other player in the First Division.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

June 11: Czechoslovakia v W. Germany (Rome) and Greece v Holland (Naples).

June 12: Spain v Italy (Milan) and England v Belgium (Turin).

June 14: Czech v Greece (Rome) and N. Germany v Holland (Naples).

June 15: Spain v Belgium (Milan) and Italy v England (Turin).

June 17: Czech v Holland (Milan) and N. Germany v Greece (Turin).

June 18: Spain v England (Naples) and Italy v Belgium (Rome).

June 21: Third place play-off (Naples).

June 22: Final (Rome).

One game each day will kick-off at 16.45 GMT the other at 19.30 GMT.

GROUPS

2 — Italy, England, Spain, Belgium.

1 — Holland, W. Germany, Czechoslovakia, Greece.

FINALISTS' RECORDS

Since 1978

World Cup Finals

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Belgium	10	4	4	2	12	7
Czechoslovakia	14	8	6	8	30	17
England	13	9	3	1	28	10
Greece	9	4	1	4	17	18
Holland	12	7	2	3	22	12
Italy	9	6	1	2	12	9
Spain	11	4	2	5	15	12
W. Germany	11	8	3	0	24	8
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Previous European Championship finals:

1960 in Paris

USSR 2 (Metreveli, Ponedelnik) YUGOSLAVIA 1 (Netto own goal), a.e.t.

USSR: Yashin, Tchekeli, Kroutikov, Voinov, Maslennin, Netto, Metreveli, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Bubukin, Meshki.

YUGOSLAVIA: Vidinic, Durkovic, Jusufi, Zanetic, Miladinovic, Perusic, Sekularac, Jerkovic, Galic, Matus, Kostic.

1964 in Madrid

SPAIN 2 (Pareda, Marcellino) USSR 1 (Khusainov).

SPAIN: Iribar, Rivilla, Calleja, Fuste, Olivella, Zoco, Amancio, Pareda, Marcellino, Suarez, Lepetra.

USSR: Yashin, Chustikov, Mudrik, Voronin, Shesternejev, Antichkin, Chislenko, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Kornae, Khusainov.

1968 in Rome

ITALY 2 (Riva, Anastasi) YUGOSLAVIA 0.

ITALY: Zoff, Burgnich, Facchetti, Rosato, Guarnieri, Salvatore, Domenghini, Mazzola, Anastasi, DeSisti, Riva.

YUGOSLAVIA: Pantelic, Fazlagic, damjanovic, Pavlovic, Paunovic, Holcer, Holic, Acimovic, Musemic, Trivic, Dzajic.

1972 in Brussels

WEST GERMANY 3 (Mueller 2, Wimmer) USSR 0.

WEST GERMANY: Maier, Hoettges, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Breitner, Hoeness, Wimmer, Netzer, Heynckes, Mueller, Kremers.

USSR: Rudakov, Dzodzushvili, Khursilava, Kaplichny, Istomin, Troshkin, Kokotov, Baldachni, Konkov (Dolmatov), Banishevski (Kozinkievits), Onishenko.

1976 in Belgrade

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 2 (Svehlik, Dobias) WEST GERMANY 2 (D. Mueller, Hoenzenbein) after extra time.

Czechoslovakia won 5-3 on penalties.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Viktor, Dobias (F. Vesely), Pivarnik, Ondrus, Capkovic, Gogh, Moder, Panenka, Svehlik (Jurkemik), Masny, Nehoda.

WEST GERMANY: Maier, Vogts, Beckenbauer, Schwarzenbeck, Dietz, Bonhof, Wimmer (Flohe), D. Mueller, Beer (Bongartz), Hoeness, Hoenzenbein.

IFK Gothenburg; Barcelona (holders) v Valencia; Moscow Dynamo v Nantes; Rijeka v Juventus.

UEFA CUP — Saint-Etienne v Borussia Moenchengladbach (holders); Kaiserslautern v Bayern Munich; Stuttgart v Lokomotiv Sofia; Eintracht Frankfurt v Zbrojovka Brno.

Ties are to be played on March 5 and 19.

EUROPEAN CUPS DRAW

The draws for the quarter-finals of the three major European club competitions were made in Rome at the same time the European championship was sorted out.

CHAMPIONS' CUP — Hamburg v Hajduk Split; Nottingham Forest (holders) v Dynamo E. Berlin; Strasbourg v Ajax Amsterdam; Celtic v Real Madrid.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP — Arsenal v

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Poulakakis to Juventus: Rooney 'no' to H'berg

Manny Poulakakis last Thursday night signed a \$30,000 two-year contract to coach Victorian State League club Juventus.

Poulakakis said he had turned down a one-year contract with similar terms offered by Heidelberg Utd. the club he coached to second place in the Phillips League last season. On taking up his new position, Poulakakis revealed his first impression of the Juventus team was one of "disappointment."

Poulakakis, who coached Juventus twice before (in 1968 and 1974), will lead the Italian-sponsored club into a make-or-break two seasons.

If the Juventus recession continues, it seems highly unlikely the club will ever regain its former greatness. Poulakakis said much of his work would be laying a foundation for the future.

"My objective is to organise a good junior set up. We will appoint scouts to find top juniors, employ expert coaches to develop these players and even offer the youngsters scholarships to help their education," said Poulakakis.

"It's a long-term plan, but we must start immediately, as there is a lot of work to do."

Poulakakis added that the senior team wouldn't be neglected.

"The first team is the window of the club. The club is judged by the performance on the field. Juventus must have a successful team, especially if the club is to win back the lost support," said Poulakakis.

On leaving Heidelberg, Poulakakis expressed his thanks to the club's players. "I'm sorry to part with such an excellent group of players,"

he said, "and wish them well for the 1980 season."

Australian national captain Jimmy Rooney has rejected an offer to be player/coach of Heidelberg Utd.

Heidelberg offered Rooney the position after former coach Manny Poulakakis accepted the offer from Juventus.

Rooney, the evergreen midfielder, turned down the offer because his commitments to the Socceroos would severely interrupt his coaching schedule at club level.

Rooney was caretaker coach of Heidelberg for one match last season after the sacking of John Margaritis.

Rooney took command, but Heidelberg suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Footscray JUST in that Phillips Cup match.

The scoreline was 2-1 to Footscray. Rooney omitted himself from the Heidelberg team for that game.

Heidelberg may now appoint Englishman John Adams as coach. Adams, an English F.A. coach, was in Melbourne last year on a lecture tour.

Topolanski to West Adelaide

Israeli international Shraga Topolanski is likely to join Phillips League club West Adelaide, which is coached by his old friend Gerry Chalidi.

The club has arranged a 'Fancy Dress Ball' at the Recreation Centre, 203 Albion St., Brunswick. The date is February 16, at 7.30 pm.

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Shraga Topolanski sticks close to ace striker Gard Mueller (left) in a Bayern Munich training game. Topolanski may leave Hakoah St Kilda.

the past four seasons, and his experience, ball-winning ability and raking left-foot passes will be sorely missed by the Hillmen.

Long-serving Box Hill defender Paul Corke is uncertain about his future with the club. Crofton City, and now Doyne, have shown interest in Corke, but no firm decision has been made about his future with Box Hill.

Andrews, Adams

Kerr on way

Essendon Croatia's troops are slowly reforming after being scattered all over the world at Christmas.

Tommy Cumming was in China with the national team, Keith Adams, Carl Gilder, Alan Kerr and Howard Andrews were in Britain, while Joe Tront, Noel Mitten and Mick Klarin were journeying from distant places such as Crofton, Frankston and St. Albans!

Gilder has returned to Australia. Kerr should arrive in the next week, Adams will touch down on February 27 and Andrews is expected back soon after a business trip.

Cumming has missed two of his club's games because of commitments to the national team.

'Golden oldies' at Werribee

Werribee's 'golden oldies' will parade their skills at a picnic/gala day at Price Reserve, South Werribee, this Sunday (February 17).

The Fourth Division club has organised a game between past players and the current Werribee reserve team.

Some of the well-known names in the 'oldies' team are Claude Fortini, Mark Brunato, Lenny Jordanis, Ricky Tlatto and Alf Parker.

The old boys v. reserve game will kick off at 12 noon, and will be followed by a practice match between Werribee and Melton at 2 pm.

Werribee has retained Charlie Kaz Klein, the former Polonia player who replaced Charlie Vella midway through 1979.

Vojtek in trouble

Green Gully midfielder Bill Vojtek was up to his neck in trouble at a recent training session.

Coach Bobby McLachlan sent his troops on a gruelling cross country run in St. Albans gully near the ground.

The players battled through long grass and steep climbs, but Vojtek ran into real trouble on the return leg.

He leaped forward onto what he thought was ground covered by grass, only to find he'd jumped straight into a stream of water!

A little shocked by his unexpected dip, Vojtek quickly leaped out of the water and continued on the run... carefully watching his step!

Green Gully is still interested in signing South Melbourne striker Steve Carr... but not for \$9,000, which is what Souths is demanding.

Coach McLachlan may instead sign a couple of players he has lined up in Britain.

Etham Summer Cup kicks off

Etham (Vic) will again conduct the Etham Summer six-a-side tournament on Sunday.

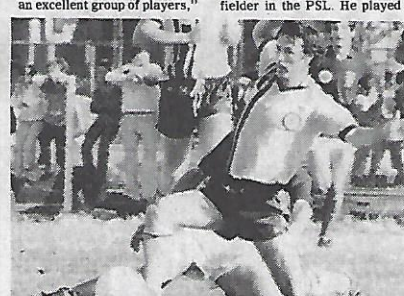
Clubs taking part are Greenborough, Heidelberg, Doncaster, Rosanna, Diamond Creek, Scoresby Utd., Bundoora, and Etham.

Local interest should be fostered by the inclusion of teams from Etham Rugby Club and Etham Football Club, making a total of 16 participating teams.

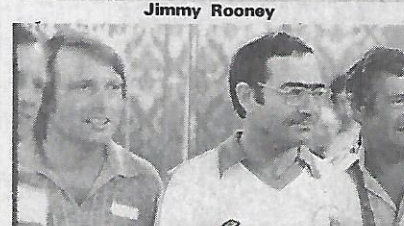
Competition begins at Susan St. Reserve Cnr. of Susan St. and Bridge St. Etham at 10.00 am. Admission is \$1.00 a head.

The first games will be between Heidelberg and Diamond Creek and Doncaster and Bundoora. The final is programmed to start at 5.15 pm with the presentations at 5.45 pm.

Prize money is \$250 to the winner, \$100 to the runner up and a prize of \$50.00 will go to the team scoring the most goals in the preliminary rounds.



Jimmy Rooney



New Juventus coach Manny Poulakakis (second right) pictured with (from left) Marconi coach Les Scheinflug, PSL manager John Frank and former Canberra City coach Johnny Warren.

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New Zealand national coach John Adshead (left) with Australian coaches in Auckland. From left — Mike Wells, Jim Selby, Jock Glass, Fred Brooks, Casey De Bruin, Barry Shacklady and (front) Marcel Tauba.

Aussies on English F.A. course

Seven coaches from Australia recently had the unique experience of studying for their English F.A. full coaching licence — and of all places, in New Zealand.

It is only the second time that a full English F.A. coaching course has been conducted outside Britain, and the Australian contingent wasn't about to miss the opportunity.

The course was conducted at Massey University, Auckland, from January 19 to February 2.

The coaching staff at the course was headed by Kevin Verity, the English F.A. regional coach of the West Midlands area.

He was assisted by Doug Moore (New Zealand national under 21 and under 23 teams coach), Alan Jones (recently appointed Director of Coaching in New Zealand) and John Adshead (national coach of New Zealand).

Ironically, it was Adshead who was directing the Australian coaches during their English F.A. full coaching licence course.

The Australian party was headed by Director of Coaching in South Australia, Jim Selby (national coach of Australian women's team), Jock Glass (former Albion Rovers and Sunshine City (Vic) player now coaching in Tasmania), former Sunbury Utd coach and Victorian Soccer Federation staff coach, Casey De Bruin (senior staff coach with Australian Soccer Federation in NSW), Barry Shacklady (coach of Tasmanian youth team) and Marcel Tauba (NSW coach).

The participants will not know the results of the intensive course until early March.

Fred Brooks, the only coach from Victoria in the party, said he was extremely impressed with the work of staff coaches, and that all participants benefitted greatly from the experience and knowledge passed on.

Brooks may soon start a coaching programme with the assistance of the Victorian



● The West Australian State team, featuring current Socceroos David Jones and Gary Marocchi, pictured in early 1977. Back row (left to right) — Bill Dumbell (coach), Gordon McCulloch, Gordon Byron, Steve Martin, Jones, Savel Madasse, Frank Bibby, Paul Hallam, Chris Glennon, Peter Johnson, George McMillan, Marocchi. Front — team trainer, team official, Dennis Bastow, Ray Illot (rear), Tony Trinker (front), Ken Sandercock, Savro Iozelli.

By
KYLE
PATTERSON

Marocchi returns, eager for success

The Socceroos Melbourne headquarters at the St Kilda Travelodge weren't bubbling with enthusiasm last week as the national team prepared for its final encounter with powerful Czechoslovakia.

After heavy losses to the Czechs in Canberra and Sydney, the Socceroos' morale was low. Media criticism had further dented the confidence of Rudi Gutendorf's troops.

However, the surprise addition of Adelaide City midfielder Gary Marocchi to the squad would have helped lessen the gloom.

Marocchi was full of enthusiasm after his shock recall to the national team and his keenness must surely have rubbed off on other players.

Marocchi has had a dream return to the national squad — the type of comeback you expect to see only in a film like 'Rocky'.

The 24-year-old Perth-born midfielder was so sudden that Marocchi probably had to pinch himself to make sure it was happening.

Such were the circumstances that Marocchi arrived at the national team's motel having never

met Mr Gutendorf. What's more, when I talked to Marocchi his only contact with the Socceroo boss had been a brief exchange of hellos.

"My selection was a big surprise," said Marocchi. "I had missed most of last season with injuries and thought I would be forgotten."

"I was concentrating on regaining full fitness and I was aiming just to play regularly with Adelaide City. Then, out of the blue, Rale Rasic (Adelaide City coach) told me I had been added to the squad."

Marocchi was included in the squad after Rasic had recommended him to Gutendorf.

Strangely enough, Marocchi wasn't part of Gutendorf's massive player

search last season, when he tried out dozens of players in various trial games and training squads.

But stranger things have happened in Australian soccer...

Marocchi did have some encouraging words to say about the present Australian team; praise which has been absent lately.

"Australia has an excellent squad of players and the team is capable of getting good results," said Marocchi. "The players have coped some criticism because of the defeats to the Czechs but they are playing against a great team."

"The Czechs are at their peak and are playing for keeps in the international games. Australia is trying its hardest."

Marocchi, who was part of the much-maligned national team of 1976-77 under Jimmy Shoulder, said the present team was far better prepared.

"The preparation is much more professional now," said Marocchi. "The players are spending more time together, instead of meeting only three days before an important game."

"When Jim Shoulder was in charge, the Australian Soccer Federation didn't help the players with the schedules arranged. We had little time to work together."

Marocchi accused the ASF of being lax over the 1977 World Cup qualification tour.

"The ASF didn't take it seriously," said Marocchi. "I know the team had virtually no chance of qualifying after the results against Iran and Kuwait in this country, but we should have approached the tour professionally."

Marocchi played in four of Australia's eight World Cup qualifying matches in 1977. His international career with Australia includes eight full internationals plus five other games in the green and gold.

His last game for Australia was in June 1978 when he captained Australia against Greece in Adelaide. The three-match tour by the Greeks brought the final curtain down on Jim Shoulder's reign as Socceroo boss.

After leading his country in that match, things turned sour for Marocchi.

He suffered an ankle injury in a Philips League game. He sought medical advice but was told there was nothing wrong.

"I kept playing and training," said Marocchi, "but I knew something was wrong. I was limping all the time but still the doctor said nothing was wrong."

Late in 1978, while training for a game against touring Greek club Olympiakos, Marocchi damaged a knee cartilage.

He returned to his native Perth that Christmas, sought medical opinion and had an operation.

His Perth doctor revealed his ankle was damaged and that this complaint contributed to his knee injury.

"The specialist in Perth said the tendons in my ankle were severely damaged. I was furious at the Adelaide doctor who said there was nothing wrong," said Marocchi.

It took Marocchi 10 months to recover from the operation. He spent most of 1979 watching Adelaide City from the sidelines, while continuing his long haul on the comeback trail.

He managed to play in Adelaide City's last six league games of the season but missing so many games was a blow to him.

Because he missed so much soccer, his national team call-up was a great morale booster.

Marocchi's recall gave him the chance to once again team up with friend David Jones, who had been added to the Socceroo team the previous week-end.

Jones, who transferred from West Adelaide to Adelaide City during the close season, played with Marocchi in Western Australia.

"David and I were with Azzurri in Perth before moving to South Australia," said Marocchi, "and we both played in the WA State team."

George McMillan (now Preston Makedonia), Gordon McCulloch (now West Adelaide) and Arno Bertogna (now Newcastle Utd) also were in the same Azzurri team as Marocchi.

Marocchi was with Azzurri for 10 years (six years in the senior team) before transferring to Adelaide City when the national league was formed.

Marocchi hopes Adelaide City now will be able to establish itself as one of Australia's premier clubs.

Last season, Adelaide City won its first national league honor when it beat St George 3-2 to win the

Philips Cup.

Marocchi's aim is to help the club to the championship, an honor the SA club came so close to winning in 1977.

"We are shaping up well in pre-season work and Rale has us working hard five nights a week," said Marocchi.

"With Jones in our defence I think we have a team capable of at least finishing in the top four and perhaps going one better."

With his international career remarkably salvaged, Marocchi said he was going to make a big effort to stay in the Australian team.

"It was a shock to be recalled so soon," he said, "but now I have the chance and I don't intend to waste it."



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George Pavlidis came into the Heidelberg team against Ajax when Gary Cole, Jimmy Rooney, Jim Campbell and Jim Tansey were away with the national team. He scored one of the goals in Heidelberg's 3-0 victory.



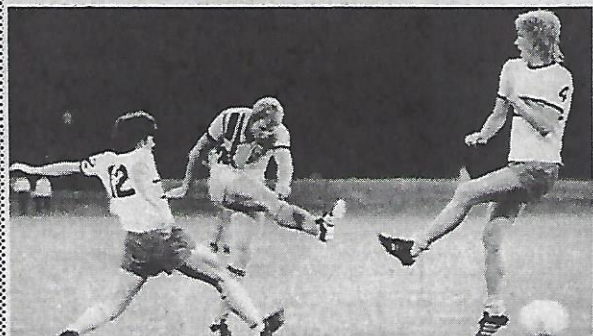
Zdravko Jujic of J.U.S.T. sends a shot past George Cross full back Derek Barron. J.U.S.T. won 3-0.



Claude Lucchesi of Makedonia (left) is blocked by Slavia's goalkeeper Elvio Pugliese and Paul Wade.



Makedonia's Gary Ward beats Slavia full back Nigel Haupt in the air.



Frankston's Sean Parton (right) and David Luca are helpless against this power drive by Gary Cole.



Heidelberg's Theo Solemidis (No. 7) heads home one of his two goals in the 3-0 victory over Green Gully Ajax. Challenging in the air is Ajax's John Patten. Others, from left: Peter Donaldson, Andy Bozikas and Willie Vassallo.



John Lucchesi of Juventus goes down on one knee in a tussle with Sunshine's Kieron Coyle.

ACTION

● PHOTOGRAPHER LES SHORROCK AT THE VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP



Former Soccerro Jimmy McKay in the colors of First Division club Albion Rovers. Behind him is Charlie Spiteri.



Slavia's Steve Lawson kicks wildly and in vain as Makedonia's George McMillan heads goalwards.



Gordon Stevens of Albion Rovers robs Croatia's Noel Mitten of the ball with a timely tackle.



Aktona's Kevin Wilson nips in from behind to kick the ball away from Heidelberg's Andy Bozikas.

AROUND THE WORLD



With ELIAS DONOUDIS

The 1980 programme of the Phillips League requires South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg Alexander to play on the same Sunday in Melbourne and again together outside Melbourne.

Alexander, wishing to assist supporters, suggested to Hellas that both teams play at Middle Park.

Hellas rejected this suggestion so from what we have learned, Alexander will ask Croatia to play with it in double-headers.

Rudi Gutendorf may have left Chile sometime ago but his influence there is still evident.

The Chilean Soccer Federation has decided to give an extra point to the team that wins by more than four goals.

The brave Chileans went ahead and decided... a) If there is a draw, the teams will not get any points. b) The team that has less than 4,000 spectators a match will be demoted.

New York Cosmos may be having financial difficulty. After the astronomical fees they have paid to obtain their players, they have started to sell some of them.

As it is known, Dennis Truart has returned to Manchester City for the price of \$250,000.

A representative of the club stated recently that it is ready now to sell the Brazilian back, Francisco Marinho as well as the Yugoslav, Vladislav Bogicic, who was one of the main players of the team in last year's championship.

The former ace of Italian soccer, Sandro Mazzola, who is now a paid technical consultant of Inter, claimed recently in an interview that Italy needs new blood, and it will be a tragic mistake if it does not permit the importation of foreign players.

In his interview, Mazzola revealed that by having this blockade, Italy has lost the German ace, Hans Mueller as well as the Brazilian, Zico.

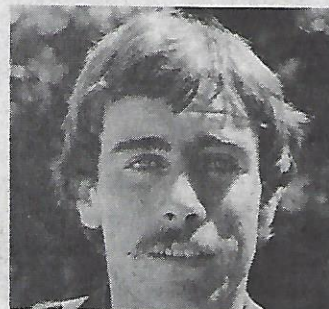
Aztec of Los Angeles have signed up the international centre of Feyenoord, Wim Jansen.

"We did not ask for a cent from the American team on account of the long service Jansen has given to Feyenoord," said Peter Stefan, the manager of the Dutch team. Jansen, who has been capped internationally 65 times, will be 33 this year. He

has been playing with Feyenoord since he was 16.

He also has participated in two World Cups (1974 and 1978) and at Aztecs he will be reunited with two of his old friends, the manager of the team, Rinu Michels and Johann Cruyff.

Bannon to move



Ged Bannon (pictured above) probably the most dynamic midfielder in the Victorian State League, is seeking a transfer from Frankston City.

A maximum transfer fee of only \$3000 is stipulated in Bannon's contract.

Bannon, in his early twenties, is the brother of Pat Bannon, the captain of Heidelberg United, Vince, who plays right back for South Melbourne, and Eamon, the Scottish international.

A fierce tackler and non-stop worker, Ged came from Scotland in 1977 to join Juventus and transferred to Frankston the following year. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

ZIKA NIKOLIC



NERESEN REZULTAT KAO POBEDA

U poslednjem susretu protiv Australije reprezentacija Čehoslovačke nije postigla očekivani rezultat i pokvarila je blistavi bilans svoje turneje, jer je nerešen rezultat ravan porazu za ekipu svetskog ugleda. Možda uzeti u obzir da su gosti izgubili interes, da je sudija kumovao australijanskim govimima u Melbourne, ali pored svega toga Čehoslovačka je morala ići mogućnost da pobeđi. U tome ipak nije uspešna, jer joj nije dozvolila nasa reprezentacija, zato što je nista naučila iz prethodnih poraza. Zbog toga su međunarodne utakmice vazne i korisne, bez obzira na prve rezultate.

U norinarskoj loži svi smo mogli da osetimo ljubomoru i zavist naših kolega iz ostalih gradova Australije, specijalno Stineje, jer je Melbourne postao zacaran grad za gostujuće ekipe, bez obzira na njihov ugled i klas. Do sada se vrđilo i mislio da gosti lose prolaze u Melbourne, zato što igraju prvu utakmicu posle napornog puta i nagle promene podneblja. Međutim, Čehoslovačka je odigrala ovog puta poslednju utakmicu u Melbourne i pokvarila izvanredan utisak. Da ne bi izvučili pogresan zaključak, koji bi nas uspevao, treba uvek pomisliti i shvatiti da je u fudbalu sve moguće, ako se neprestano uci na greskama i ne kapitulira pre vremena.

POLUFINALE AMPOL KUPA

U subotu 16. februara na Olimpij Parku možemo očekivati rekordnu posetu, iako se sastaju četiri lokalna tima u polufinalu Ampol Kupa. U 7.30 uveče sastaju se J.U.S.T. i Heidelberg/Alexander, a za njima oko 9.15 Croatia i Hellas. Iako su sva četiri tima ušla u polufinale bez ijednog izgubljenog boda, nisu bili podjednako ubedljivi. Prema opstem misljenju laika, strunjak i navijača, JUST je bio sretan koliko je takav u grupnom takmičenju, a da ga u polufinalu odneciti stvarna vrednost ekipe. Heidelberg, koji je odlično prošao kroz grupne krsaje, bice mnogo jaci protiv "plavih", jer se vraćaju 4 reprezentativca. Međutim, mi nememo potpuno otpisati "plave", jer su svesni svojih mana i igraju bez kompleksa.

Mnogi strunjak, takode proricu pobeđu Croatiaje nad Helasom, sto nije nemoguće, iako Helas nije prošlogodisnja ekipa. Najbolje je reci da je rezultat ovog susreta neizvestan, uz napomenu da Helas ima iskusniju navalu.

TARAX I HAWKSBURN FAVORITI ZA JAT-OV PEHAR

Iduće nedelje, 17. februara, igraju se polufinale i finale jugoslovenskog turnira za JAT-ov pehar. Sve utakmice se igraju na igralistu Springvale City-a, Ross Reserve, Corrigan Road, Noble Park (iza Swimming Pool-a) od 12 sati u podne. U polufinalu su se plasirali TARAX, Springvale United ("Bratstvo i jedinstvo"), Hawksburn i Vojvodina/Wiltona. Parovi će biti izvedeni u 12 sati, zbog čega se očekuje dolazak svih ekipa u to vreme.

U četvrtfinalu, koje je odigrano po idealnom vremenu prošle nedelje u Lilydale u pred 3000 gledalaca, postignuti su sledeći rezultati:

TARAX — drugi tim JUST-a 2:1 (2:1). Strelci: Andrew Kazi u 12. i Tim Bickici u 31. minutu za Tarax, Sulejman Curovic u 7. minutu za drugi tim "plavih". Oduve ekipe su nastupile oslavljenje. Taraxu su nedostajali Zoraja, Adamovic i Mladenovic neopravdano, Lukic i Lopatic opravdano, dok je JUST bio lisen usluga Vlatka Belica, Toma Vukovica i Pavla Simica. Da ne bi mnogo objasnjavali uzroke pobeđe Taraxa i poraza JUST-a, navešemo izjavu Ibre Hadzeabdicca. "Prošle godine u Geelongu je Tarax igrao mnogo bolje, ali je drugi tim JUST-a pobedio. Danas se dogodilo obrnuto. Mladi tim JUST-a nas je nadigrao, ali mi smo pobedili. Steta sto smo se sastali u prvom kolu, jer smo oboje zreli za finale. Ovakvo, u finalu cemo igrati protiv Hawksburna, ako zreb ne bude penikornom da se sastanemo jos u polufinalu." Najbolji igraoci su bili Curovic, Pejckovic i Tiloski za JUST, Sander Kazi, Andrew Kazi, Ibro Hadziabdic i Stvan Kosovac za Tarax.

SPRINGVALE UNITED — BOSNA 6:4 (4:2). Strelci: Mile-ko Culibrk 3, Zlatko Kaim, Dragan Janjic i Stvan Belurov za Springvale, Risto Perkovski, Vlado Nioevski, Faruk Lju-bovic i Risto Pautov (autogol). BOSNA je najveće iznenađenje i otkrovenje ovog turnira. Sakupili su se pre tri nedelje, a trenirali su zajedno pet-šest puta. Iako su na "bombu" podeli sa 1:0, očekivalo se da izgube sa dvoćifrenim rezultatom, jer je već u 15. minutu Springvale vodio sa 3:1. Međutim kada su zatrejali, a naročito kada je u igru usao veteran Faruk Ljubovic, produkt "redjenih" iz Mostara, Bosanci su mladoj ekipi Springvale zadali mnogo jada i briga. Treba znati da su dve trećine utakmice igrali sa 10 igrača, posto je sudija (ne shvatajući duh turnira) bio prestrog prema Risti Perkovskom sto se koskao sa Ristom Pautovim. Pokazao im je put u svlačionicu u 32. minutu.

HAWKSBURN — PLAVI DUNAV 6:0 (4:0). Strelci: Steve Blekani 4, Janos Palo i Jozsi Biro. "Plavi Dunav" nije igrao tako podređenu ulogu kao sto to rezultat pokazuje. Razlika je bila u golmanima i Steve Bleksaniju, koji je radio sta je hteo na igralistu. Kada je Plavi Dunav umesto Mise Peregrija stavio na gol Titora Mistrica, sprinjac se naglo izmenila.

VOJVODINA/WILTONA — SPRINGVALE CITY Under-19 team 6:4 (3:2). Strelci: Veljo Dupor 4, Adam Miller 2 za Vojvodinu, Paul Printziz 2, Martin Pullen i Charlie Page za Springvale Utd. Umalo sto Vojvodina nije od gotovog napravila versiju, zbog panike u završnici. Da je jos sudija vodio i svirao penal u 84. minutu, bilo bi svasta. Junak ove pobeđe je svakako Veljo Dupor, koji je bio najbolji na igralistu. Treba pomenuti jos Andriju Dovicu, koji je bio sub odbrane i snalazljivog Adama Milera. Svi ostali su igrali promerljivo kao vreme u Melbourne, cas dobro, cas bez veze. U polufinalu ce biti teze, ali Vojvodina nije bez sanse.

TRENIŠNI I PRIJATELJSKE UTAKMICE
Drugi tim JUST-a igra prijateljsku utakmicu sa Altonom Gate iduće četvrtka na igralistu u Roberts Street-u, West Footscray. Pocetak u 6 uveče. Proslot četvrtka drugi tim JUST-a je pobedio Thomastown sa 3:2 (0:2). Strelci: Pavle Simic, Ivica Karic i Pejckovic.

CARLTON/Srbija pocinje da trenira svakog utornika i četvrtka na Como Parku od 6.30 uveče. Odigrace prijateljsku utakmicu sa Central Altonom u nedelju 17. februara na crkvenom imanju kod Bendiga.

Turnir Geelong Uniteda se održava 24. februara u Anakiju kod Geelonga. Gostuje Plavi Dunav sa tri tima (ispod 12, rezerva i prvi tim).

Yugoslav skill complemented by teamwork

Yugoslav and Italian players are the most skilful of all the European nations when it comes to ball control, flair and innovation.

They are the two countries whose players come closest to matching the skills of the gifted South Americans.

Indeed at times I have thought the Yugoslavs, in particular, can match the South Americans in the intricacies of ball artistry.

The Yugoslavs have added new dimensions to their game as Vardar and especially, Red Star, have been showing us recently.

Apart from their abundant short passing ball skills, they are fit, strong and break into counter attacks with great speed, the way modern soccer demands.

I have long been an admirer of the Yugoslav talents and four years ago made a trip to Yugoslavia to watch their top teams train.

I was impressed by the co-ordination of the coaching team at Red Star, not so impressed by the training sessions at Vojvodina and Zagreb, and came away with the conclusion that the Yugoslav player seemed to have abundant natural talent, but many of them appeared to lack the dedication to make the most of that talent.

I find the Yugoslav temperament is very like that of the Scotsman.

Both have a fierce independence and a volatile, explosive temperament.

This strong spirit of independence, while a huge asset at individual level, has been a handicap to Scotland at national level with various factions unable to work together cohesively.

I felt this was also a problem for Yugoslavs.

MIKE JOHNSON

However, two years after my trip to Yugoslavia I was in Adelaide coaching West Adelaide when Red Star came to town to play South Australia.

They annihilated the under-prepared State team 6-0, exactly the same score as this year.

What impressed me about the Red Star team then, and again this time, was their teamwork, strength and fitness.

I watched the Red Star team work very impressively at Adelaide's Hindmarsh stadium, with three midfielders and three strikers interchanging positions as they attacked the goal, time after time, after time without opposition, then later limited opposition.

This type of "functional practice" as it is called in coaching language, I had seen often during training sessions in West Germany.

The methodical Germans react well to such drills, but to see the Yugoslavs harnessing their creative skills to organised movement off the ball was very interesting.

The result was devastating. This type of group skill is easier to develop when you have top coaches working with top players on a full-time basis.

However, if we are ever to narrow the playing gap which Ray Richards talked about in a recent edition of "Soccer Action" after his visit to Europe, our players and coaches must be prepared to spend time on such practises.

Our World Cup draw

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that series will advance to the 24-nation finals in Spain in 1982.

The other qualifying groups are:

GROUP TWO: Iraq,

GROUP FOUR: Hong Kong, Macao, China, North Korea, Japan, Singapore.

The likely qualifiers from these groups are Iraq, South Korea and North Korea.

May 24: New Zealand v. Indonesia
May 31: Fiji v. Indonesia
July 26: Fiji v. Australia
August 1: Taiwan v. Indonesia
August 6: Taiwan v. Fiji
August 10: Indonesia v. Fiji
August 14: Australia v. Fiji
August 17: New Zealand v. Fiji
August 25: Taiwan v. Australia
August 30: Indonesia v. Australia



Theo Selemidis (No. 8) of Australia B jumps above Victorian youth team defender Joe Angelo during the team's clash last Saturday.

CRACK DOWN ON THE POACHERS!

BY LEIF JENSEN

It's no wonder that a lot of good honest workers in the soccer game resign this time of the year.

Who wouldn't give it away when after working for years to produce really talented junior players, they have to stand by and watch these players lured away by "under-handed" operators from other clubs.

These irresponsible criminals will use any trick in the book to induce players to join their club, in order to boost shortcomings of their own.

They usually don't have the talent or the knowledge to coach players or teams in their charge to become winners. The easy way to boost their little egos is to poach good players from other clubs, using rosy promises and money as an incentive.

Such people have no thought for their players, nor any consideration for the men who have spent four or five years teaching and coaching these boys to become better soccer players.

The worst part of all is that these boys are usually never heard of again, because they will soon find themselves overhauled by boys who had the sense to stay with a good coach, who will spend time with them to improve their knowledge and skills.

Every year I find myself inundated with phone calls from boys or their parents regretting their change of clubs. . . "I was transferred to another club this year Mr Jensen, but now I wish I hadn't, can you help me? . . . or . . . "My son signed up with a new club, but now he doesn't like it there. . . What can I do to get him out of it?"

Unfortunately, when you sign on the dotted line there is nothing anyone can do for you.

The answer is of course to be a little cautious before signing. Why not go and train with this club for a while, you can talk to people who might know something about the coach or the club.

Consider all the information you can gather, then sit down and think hard about it. Will it help your future as a soccer player? Are you going because you will be in a winning team?

If, after considering all these precautions, the answer is yes, you probably won't regret it!

In all fairness, I must say that there are now more than ever a growing interest in good junior players, and quite a few senior clubs will give these boys a fair trial and also make sure that good coaching is made available to these lads.

We find a lot of the younger players appearing in senior teams these days, so let us hope this is to be the future trend, it would be great if one day our national team would consist of all Australian lads.



Paul Kay



Mike Milovanovic

Chaos at gate: fans waiting 20 minutes

BY LAURIE SCHWAB

Picture this — the VFL grand final in Melbourne or the Rugby League grand final in Sydney kicks off in front of empty grandstands, with the crowd waiting outside behind locked gates.

The grand final is 20 minutes old when officials finally saunter to their posts, unlock the gates, and try to push them open against the pressure of 100,000 bodies.

Several people in the crowd probably would be trampled to death, considerable damage would be done to the outside of the stadium by the furious fans and the gate attendants would be lucky to escape alive.

The incident would be condemned in headlines nationwide — probably internationally.

There would be a major enquiry. The men in charge would be sacked, at the very least.

Luckily for everyone concerned there were only about 1000 angry fans outside during the unforgivable bungling at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

The early match, between Australia B and the Victorian Youth Team, was advertised to start at 6.15 pm. "The Age" said so, "Soccer Action" said so, the Victorian Soccer Federation said so.

The game kicked off on schedule, but all the gates were locked.

The waiting fans fumed for 20 minutes before the attendants in their blue coats finally emerged from the grandstand and unlocked the gates. Explanation: Olympic Park thought the game would start at 6.30.

JUVENUS SOCCER CLUB Requires COACHES FOR JUNIOR TEAMS Under 10 to 16

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Former Federal Treasurer, Mr Philip Lynch (centre) formally opens

Baxter joins VSF

Baxter, formed in 1971 to look after boys interested in soccer, has had an enormous growth ever since and in 1979 had over 400 members covering over 120 families and 140 boys playing in eight age groups at beautiful Baxter Park.

However, as the years went by it became evident that at the age of 16, which was the oldest age group registered within the Victorian Soccer Federation, the boys had nowhere to go unless they were good enough to get into the bigger clubs.

It was time to look ahead and plan for the future. In 1978 two steps were taken:

(1) A new clubhouse was built by the members of the club with financial help from Frankston Council.

(11) A senior team was formed and entered into the local Bay-side League.

Again looking to the future Baxter decided that the local league would not create enough interest among members, so it applied to the Victorian Soccer Federation to be entered into the V.S.F. and the club was one of five out of 25 to be accepted, mainly due to excellent facilities at Baxter Park.

To be in charge of the first team the club has appointed Mr Alan Lewis as coach. Anyone interested in playing for the club should



Canberra's Keni Kawaieva (no. 12) moves in too late to prevent Duncan Cummings from slotting the ball past goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski in a PSL match. At left is Canberra's Luis Slagado and at right Isaac Farrell and Alun Evans. Cummings scored 10 PSL goals in 1978.

Cummings looking for a 'fair go'

By KYLE PATTERSON

Disgruntled South Melbourne Hellas forward Duncan Cummings has ended his two-month exile from the club but the dispute that caused the walk-out is far from solved.

Cummings, 22, agreed to start training with South Melbourne this week after a meeting with club president Sam Papasavas.

However, Cummings, who became the most expensive teenager in Australian soccer when South Melbourne paid Melbourne \$10,000 for him in 1976, will return full of doubt and suspicion.

He still is bitter about the way he was dumped to the substitutes' bench and ignored last season.

"I'm not too big to sit on the bench," said Cummings in reference to those who may think he's playing the prima donna, "but you can't imagine the anger I felt when I was disregarded week after week."

"I played only a handful of games last season. It was a killer. I was totally frustrated and unhappy." Because of the way he was treated last season, he turned his back on South Melbourne during the pre-season and early Ampol Cup matches.

His return to training is only the first step in a long haul to reconciliation between club and player.

Cummings wants a new, lucrative contract and an understanding that he would be given what he thinks is a 'fair go' — an extended run in the first team to try to establish himself.

There are many complications. Firstly, Cummings has a year to run on an existing contract.

Secondly, he is way behind his team mates in preparation and by the time he is match fit, John Margaritis could well have formed the basis of his team and be reluctant to alter his combination.

Bearing in mind those complications, it seems obvious there will be more conflict between Cummings and South Melbourne, leading to only one solution — a transfer.

South Melbourne president Sam Papasavas will not rule out that possibility, but hopes Cummings will settle down with the club.

"The club will discuss a new contract with Duncan in the next few weeks," said Papasavas, "and after that it will be up to him to regain fitness and prove himself in the team."

"I have a lot of faith in Duncan. I think he will be able to motivate himself and meet the challenge facing him. I honestly believe he has the talent to be one of the best players in Australia."

Papasavas added that the matter of a new contract wouldn't be a hindrance but that no player at South Melbourne was guaranteed a place in the team.

"However, he will get his chance and then it is up to him to prove his value. He's an important part of our first team squad."

Cummings, however, doesn't relish the prospect of another six months sitting on the bench — waiting and hoping.

"I realise I might have to spend some time on the sidelines," said Cummings, "but I'm not going to accept anything like last year."

"If the situation is no better then my future is not with South Melbourne."

In the event of a breakdown in the relationship, Cummings said he would be prepared to play with an interstate Philips League team or even in the Victorian State League.

"I miss being active," said Cummings. "I'm young and yet to reach the peak of my career, so I'm wasting my time sitting around."

"I want to play and would even drop down into the State League if I had to."

Cummings recalled two incidents last season which bitterly disappointed him.

"We were due to play Marconi in Melbourne and I was told I was in the team," said Cummings. "I trained an extra night that week and built myself up for the game."

"But 10 minutes before the kick-off I was named as a reserve, and that shattered me. After that game, I hardly cared what happened. I used to go to the ground, put on a tracksuit and sit on the bench. No one said a word to me."

The second 'incident' was the acquisition of Mendo Ristovski, who joined South Melbourne from Footscray JUST.

Cummings described this transfer as a 'slap in the face for me.'

"I have nothing against Mendo," said Cummings, "but when your club pays \$12,000 for a player who plays the same position as you do, it's pretty discouraging."

"I was expected to try harder but I wasn't given any

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Branko Buljevic (left), pictured with Col Bennett of Brisbane Lions, partnered Duncan Cummings in Australia's attack against Benfica in 1975.

"No-one can get back into form sitting on the bench and playing for 10 minutes every second week."

Much of Cummings' frustration stems from his belief that he is yet to show his best for South Melbourne.

Many critics have said he's not good enough to play in the Philips League and that his best days are behind him.

This angers Cummings. He knows he is good enough, and is desperate to prove this to his fans and knockers alike.

"People have said to me that I have been no good since the PSL started — meaning I had the ability to play only in the State League," said Cummings.

"But I have played only one full season in the PSL and even then I wasn't happy with my form."

Cummings missed all the 1977 season (the first season of the PSL) because of a serious achilles tendon injury.

Cummings recovered and played 22 of South Melbourne's 26 league matches and was top goalscorer with 10.

"My form could have been better in 1978 but I was happy with my goalscoring," said Cummings. "After all, scoring goals is a forward's job."

"I scored 10, which was only four behind Clive Eaton (Western Suburbs) and Ken Boden (Newcastle Utd), who were the PSL top goalscorers."

Last season, Cummings' stocks crashed. Cummings was in and out of the team under Duncan McKay and John Margaritis, and played only 10 minutes of soccer in the last seven games of the PSL championship.

"If I were given an extended run in the first team, I'm sure I could hit top form," said Cummings.

Cummings faces stiff opposition in his bid to break into the South Melbourne line-up. South has top forwards in Alun Evans, George Campbell, Branko Buljevic and Mendo Ristovski. Even youngster Steve Kakantonis is in the running.

Cummings has respect for his team mates.

"I played alongside Branko for Australia in 1975. We played Benfica of Portugal in LSKydney, and BLuljevic scored both goals in our 2-2 draw," said Cummings. "I saw then what a great player he is."

Cummings played alongside Campbell and Evans in 1978 with Souths, and was a team mate of Ristovski's in a Victorian youth team many years ago.

"They are all good players but my only interest is playing regularly for South Melbourne," said Cummings.

Cummings' desire to stay with South Melbourne is genuine. More than anything else, he wants to repay the fans who dug into their own pockets to raise the money for his transfer.

However, Cummings' future is uncertain. It will be clearer in a month's time when he is match fit and ready to break into the South Melbourne team.